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Incorporating REVIEW OF INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING
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Wed 2100 WBCQ 15420-CUSB
Thu 0530 WRMI 9955
Thu 1430 WRMI 9955
Thu 2330 WBCQ 7415
Fri 0100 WRMI 9955
Fri 0800 WRMI 9955
Fri 1930 IPAR/IRRS/NEXUS/IBA 7290
Fri 2030 WWCR1 15825
Fri 2300 WBCQ 5110-CUSB Area 51
Sat 0800 WRMI 9955
Sat 1630 WWCR3 12160
Sun 0230 WWCR3 5070
Sun 0630 WWCR1 3215
Sun 0800 WRMI 9955
Sun 1515 WRMI 9955
Mon 2200 WBCQ 7415 [temporary, reconfirmed Oct 13]
Tue 1100 WRMI 9955
Tue 1530 WRMI 9955
Wed 0530 WRMI 9955 [or new 1432]
Wed 1130 WRMI 9955 [or new 1432]

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EDITOR`S NOTE: This is a super-big issue, as it has been 8 days since 8-113. We spent much of the past week working on MONITORING TIMES column, so fell behind in keeping up with all the new traffic. Finally almost caught up, whew! Don`t be surprised if we take some more time to recuperate, or rethink this whole thing (gh)

** AFGHANISTAN [non]. This will require further checking, but I suspect R. Solh has finally changed its music after more than a year! Good reception via UK Oct 20 at 1348 tune-in, when the CD is normally stuck/skipping for another minute. Instead started some new music without skipping, and tho of the same enjoyable genre, unseemed any longer to be exactly the same selexions as played every day at the same times. Also before 1400 included an announcement by a YL I had not heard before. This A-season transmission at 1200-1800 is normally replaced in B-season by 15265 at 1200-1500, but so far unconfirmed, so we better enjoy it on 17700 while we can.

Yes, R. Solh, 17700 via UK, has definitely changed their music schedule after well over a year playing exactly the same tunes at exactly the same time every day, obviously from a single master recording or automation setup. The skipping/sticking CD which ran every day at 1346-1349 is no longer the case. Oct 22 I listened from 1339 to 1400, and familiar but different music keeps playing thru the former stick zone, altho there is an abrupt cutoff of one piece and startup of another at 1348. Good reception in the last few days of this transmission. Still inbooming at 1627 Oct 22 (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1431, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ALBANIA. R. Tirana B-08, English to Eu/NAm, including changes as of Oct 22, so previously published tentative schedules are incorrect:

Mon-Sat 1530-1600 13720; 1945-2000 11645, 7465; 2100-2130 9345, 7510; Tue-Sun 0130-0145 9345; 0245-0300 7390; 0330-0400 6110; 0430-0500 6100. Albanian to NAm, daily: 2130-2300 9345, 0000-0130 9345, 6110 (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1431, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Reports on how well 9345 propagates will be welcomed

** ALBANIA. Neue Farb-QSL der Serie D: Glaubensgemeinschaften (ab

Oktober 2008; jeweils Postkartengroesse 10,5 cm x 15 cm).

Vor dem 2. Weltkrieg teilte sich die Bevoelkerung Albaniens in drei grosse Glaubensrichtungen auf: Die Muslime mit einem Anteil von 70 %, die orthodoxen Christen mit einem Anteil von 20 % und die Katholiken mit einem Anteil von 10 % an der Gesamtbevoelkerung. Im Jahr 1967 wurde Albanien zum "ersten atheistischen Staat der Welt" erklaert, erst 1990 wurde die Religionsfreiheit wieder hergestellt. Mit auslaendischer Unterstuetzung wurden zahlreiche sakrale Gebaeude restauriert oder neu errichtet, denen die vorliegende QSL-Serie von Radio Tirana gewidmet ist.

Eine Besonderheit sind die Anhaenger der Bektaschi, eines sehr toleranten Derwisch-Ordens, dessen Weltzentrum sich seit 1932 in Tirana befindet. Die Bektaschi sind innerhalb der Muslime Albaniens eine Minderheit gegenueber den Sunniten.

Da man daher haeufig von vier Glaubensgemeinschaften spricht, ist jede dieser Religionen mit einem Motiv in unserer QSL Serie D vertreten.
Farb-QSL Serie D: Glaubensgemeinschaften

1) Orthodoxe Kathedrale, Korca
2) Bektaschi-Grabmaeler, Tirana
3) Moschee, Shkodra
4) Kath. St.-Paul-Kathedrale, Tirana

QSL-Karten-Serien von Radio Tirana, Deutscher Dienst:
* Serie der Volksmusikinstrumente, 10 Karten
* Farb-QSL Serie A, Tourismus, 4 Karten
* Farb-QSL Serie B, Butrint, 4 Karten
* Farb-QSL Serie C, Tirana, 4 Karten
* Einzelkarte A, Abendstimmung am Skanderbegplatz
* Einzelkarte B, Schulmuseum in Korca
* Farb-QSL Serie D, Glaubensgemeinschaften, 4 Karten
http://rthk.agdx.de E-Mail tirana-hk @ finkhaus.de [sic] (Radio Tirana Listeners Club, Oct 5 via Oct WWDXC DX Magazine via DXLD)

These QSLs are intended only for R. Tirana`s German-speaking audience, so English-speakers should avoid requesting them, or at least make the report of a German broadcast (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** ALBANIA. Harmonics: CRI in Bulgarian 1600-1700 UT on fundamental 1458 was heard poor on 2916, but strongly on 4373 kHz (Rumen Pankov, Bulgaria, Oct 12, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Oct 16 via DXLD)

** ANGOLA. 4949.71, Radio Nacional (presumed), 0239-0249, Oct 18, first time heard this DX season, in Portuguese, African high-life music and songs, fair-poor (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1,

dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ANGUILLA. DGS, 11775, Oct 15 at 2142, just open carrier having lost modulation, before nominal QSY time 2200 to 6090. Via WWCR 13845, PMS was weak but audible, so once again a problem at Anguilla. DentroCuban jammer was already starting up in anticipation of R. MartÌ much later on 11775 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11775, University Network; 1614, 15-Oct; Rev. Barbi talking about prayer & taking her dog for a walk. Lotsa xmtr hum & hiss; sounds like it's going to pot. As Dead Doctor Gene would say, "Get on the phone!" Haven't heard too much from Dead Doctor Gene lately --- mostly Pontificating Barbi (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 210' center-fed RW, 85' end-fed RW, 125' bow-tie, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

** ANGUILLA [non]. 6090.0, 0211 + 0311, Oct 17, noted off the air, assume Brazil below threshold level on 6089.94, as heard and ID'ed by Brian Alexander (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) See BRAZIL; NIGERIA for logs on its absence

** ANTARCTICA. Glenn, nice recording from LRA36, Arc·ngel, 15476, 1900. With the new Marconi vertical antenna, no bad hÈ Gr (Maurits Van Driessche recording 14/10, Belgium, DX LISTENIG DIGEST)

ANTARTIDA, 15476, 1922-2045, 14-10. Ayer, luego de enviar mi escucha de esta emisora, entre las 1901 y las 1922, continuaba escuch·ndose pr·cticamente hasta la hora de cierre, con programa musical y comentarios. A las 2020 comentario deportivo, resultados de los partidos de clasificaciÛn de las distintas selecciones de f˙tbol para la clasificaciÛn del Mundial de Sud·frica, luego m·s canciones. AsÌ que buena propagaciÛn ayer para esta emisora, que normalmente se suele escuchar sobre 10 Û 15 minutos, luego termina desvaneciÈndose la seÒal, pero ayer se pudo escuchar desde las 1901, que cierra Africa n∫ 1 hasta casi el cierre de sus emisiones. 24322. (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, EspaÒa, Oct 15, Grundig Satellit 500 y Sony ICF SW 7600G, Antena de cable, 8 metros, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

LRA36, 15476 (not 15475), making another rare appearance with some music modulation to go along with the carrier, Oct 15 at 2051; 2059 announcement by W, presumably sign-off, as was gone a minute or two later, before I could get another receiver going to check whether it now has equal modulation on LSB and USB as some have reported (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15476.03, 1900-1915 16.10, R Nacional Arc·ngel San Gabriel, Esperanza. Spanish talk, after Africa No. 1 closed at 1900* 25121 Only a weak carrier heard on 20.10. Best 73, (Anker Petersen, Skovlunde, Denmark, on my AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of an outdoor longwire at 9 metres

altitude, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

** ARGENTINA. 15345.06, Radio al Exterior; 2039-2043+, 14 Oct; W in French with tango music to M in French with ID "Rae Radio al Exterior" at 2043 and followed possibly with sked. SIO=433, QRM was Arabic (Morocco?) which steadily got worse; some hum also. Nothing on 9690 (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 210' center-fed RW, 85' end-fed RW, 125' bow-tie, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

11710.67v, RAE, 0118-0138, Oct 15, in Japanese, played some nice tango music, several "R-A-E" IDs spelled out and one "RAE Buenos Aires" ID, BoH 2+1 pips, mostly fair, seemed to have a slight drift. I listened to this as the sun was going down over the Pacific Ocean (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

RAE, 15344.9, Oct 15 at 2113 M&W speaking German. Stronger than Morocco but still enough signal from that to het it. Later in the hour, RAE had improved by comparison (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

RAE, 15344.9, Oct 17 at 2320 with song, fair reception. Others have reported it varying on the hi side of 15345, but I find it on the lo side compared to 9345.0 and 7345.0 stations on the FRG-7 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11710.78, RAE, 0200-0230, Oct 18, English opening ID announcements & into talk & local music. Poor, weak signal making it impossible to catch any further program details (Brian Alexander, PA, DX LISTENING DIGEST) But an hour earlier now: read on

** ARGENTINA. Buenos Aires is supposed to go on DST if UT -2 from Oct 19, so from next week look for all the external services one UT hour earlier, even tho that is nonsensical for the audience, including English hours at 17 M-F on 15345v, 01 UT Tue-Sat on 11711v. This means for example in DST-observing areas of NAm such as the Central Zone, English has been at 9 pm. Next week will be at 8 pm. And from November will be at 7 pm local!

DST in Argentina is a matter of dispute, with some provinces opting out of it but Bs. As. is what matters as far as RAE is concerned. See http://www.timeanddate.com/news/time/argentina-dst-2008-2009.html (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

** ARGENTINA. DEBATE ON ARGENTINA'S DAYLIGHT SAVING [sic] HEATS UP
   Published 8-Sep-2008. Changed 15-Oct-2008

Despite calls to abandon daylight saving time in Argentina, the

federal government is pushing forward with its plan to begin the schedule on October 19 in 2008. On this date, the clocks will move one hour forward. However many Argentineans, including key political figures, do not see the need for daylight saving time, with the Catamarca, Mendoza and San Luis provincial governments already abandoning the proposed schedule.

In spite of a growing anti-daylight saving community in Argentina, the federal government is still going ahead with its national daylight saving schedule to save energy for Argentineans. The 2008ñ2009 daylight saving period is planned for third Sunday of October (October 19) in 2008 until the third Sunday of March (March 15) in 2009.

Timeanddate.com checked the proposed dates with the Energy Secretariat within Argentinaís Ministry of Federal Planning, Public Investment and Services. A final decision has not been made on these dates, which still need to be officially passed into law by the presidency. More information will come on hand when timeanddate.com receives updates from the Energy Secretariat.

Argentina's capital, Buenos Aires, and other cities may be affected by plans to start daylight saving time in October in 2008.

Growing Resentment Against Daylight Saving Time . . .
http://www.timeanddate.com/news/time/argentina-dst-2008-2009.html
(via Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1431, DXLD)

Strange as it may seem, local time in Bs. As. determines what UT the external broadcasts of RAE are aired! As in past DST seasons, e.g. English to NAm at 0200-0300 UT Tue-Sat on 11711v shifts to 0100-0200, so that could happen again as early as Oct 20. Strange too that GIB doesn`t mention its effect on RAE, and that it`s temporary DST: (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

From next October 19th, the local time in Argentina will be modified in some Provinces and the country will have 2 local times.

UTC = -3
Catamarca, La Rioja, Mendoza, Salta, San Juan, San Luis, La Pampa, NeuquÈn, Rio Negro, Chubut, Santa Cruz and Tierra del Fuego, Ant·rtida e Islas del Atl·ntico Sur. [i.e. no change here --- gh]

UTC = -2
Jujuy, Formosa, Chaco, Tucum·n, Santiago del Estero, Misiones, CÛrdoba, Corrientes, Santa Fe, Entre Rios and Buenos Aires (Gabriel Iv·n Barrera, Argentina, Japan Premium Oct 18 via DXLD)

Did anyone confirm today Monday that RAE`s languages have shifted one

UT hour earlier, as expected due to DST in Buenos Aires? I missed 15345v for English at 1700, etc., and 11711v for English at 0100, etc. And/or please check the 15345 broadcast on Tuesday. Tnx, (Glenn, 0357 UT Oct 21, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1431, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Yes, Glenn. They have definitely shifted an hour earlier per following monitoring from 2000 UT Monday. 2000 German; 2100 Spanish until 2255 on 15345v kHz. At 2345 Portuguese noted on 11710.75 kHz (Not there when checked 2300-2305); 0000 in Japanese; 0100 in English; 0200 in French until closedown at 0258 UT (Bryan Clark, Mangawhai NZ, Oct 21, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hello Glenn, This morning (Tuesday) en Europe, I've heard their webcast in French at 0235 UT (ex 0300-0400) On Monday evening, at 2025 UT, the German programme was aired (also heard via Internet). (JM Aubier, France, UT Oct 21, ibid.)

Glenn, just checked the 15345 channel around 1735-1745 UT Oct 21, two stations co-channel: 15345.00, RTMarocaine Nador in Arabic, tentative, but Arabic programme readable.

15345.06.. .07 supposed to be RAE Buenos Aires, noted S American music, very weak, but I guess will increase in strength coming hour (Wolfgang B¸schel, Germany, ibid.)

RAE is on air in Italian now (1800-1900 UT) but announcing 1900-2000 UT (Roberto Scaglione, Sicily, Oct 21, http://www.bclnews.it ibid.)

Oct 21 at 1825 check of the webcast, in Italian instead of English, so has been time-shifted. 11711v inaudible at 0130 check Oct 22 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DXLD)

15345.05, RAE, 2114, Oct 21, in Spanish, weak. Also heard as early as 2001 with RAE ID, but too poor to make out the language, mixing with station in Arabic (assume RTMarocaine) (Ron Howard, Monterey, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ARMENIA. 4810, Armenian National Radio --- decided to stay on frequency after AIR Bhopal [see INDIA] and await sign-on of Armenia. It appeared a few seconds before 1800 on 15 Oct. with a strong carrier but low audio. Audio finally came up around 1805 with man in Arabic talk, ID and traditional music. Signal was fair but QRM had started from a rather distorted signal (probably a spur off of one of the local MW transmitters) that hit it pretty hard (Al Muick, Kabul, Afghanistan, WinRadio G303e, 100m longwire, HCDX via DXLD)

** AUSTRALIA. ABC flagship radio shows axed
Kelly Burke, October 15, 2008

ON-AIR ANGER AS ABC AXES SOME RADIO PROGRAMS

http://www.smh.com.au/news/entertainment/tv--radio/onair-anger-as-abc-axes-some-radio-programs/2008/10/15/1223750130999.html

A raft of the ABC's flagship radio programs have been axed at the same time the national broadcaster moves to sack dozens of employees elsewhere in the organisation.

When staff at Radio National were informed this week of the 2009 line-up, missing from the list were the weekly 8.30am specialist programs The Religion Report, The Media Report and The Sports Factor.

The long-running documentary program Radio Eye, the science-focused interview program In Conversation and the social documentary program Street Stories will also go, while the future of the nightly five-minute opinion-makers spot Perspective remains under a cloud, as does another religious-based weekly program, The Ark.

While most staff had been made aware of the changes by Monday, it was left to the outspoken Radio National presenter Stephen Crittenden to make the cuts public, in a strongly-worded two-minute preamble to his program The Religion Report this morning.

"The decision to axe one of this network's most distinctive and important programs has been approved by the director of ABC Radio, Sue Howard, and it will condemn Radio National to even greater irrelevance," Crittenden said on air, adding that his program had put many powerful noses out of joint over the years.

"The ABC's specialist units have been under attack for years, but the decapitation of the flagship program of the Religion Department effectively spells the death of religion at the ABC."

The program's podcast facility was subsequently removed from the broadcaster's website and Crittenden was ordered by ABC management to remove his opening comments if he wanted his program to be re-broadcast at the usual time of 8.05pm today.

Crittenden obeyed, later telling the Herald that, after 10 years of specialisation at the ABC, he was being removed from its "gutted" religion department.

"I've been told that since [the 2001 US terrorist attacks on] September 11, reporting on religion has become mainstream. Everyone is doing it so it doesn't need specialisation any more," he said. "People are appalled."

The head of radio marketing, Warwick Tiernan, said Crittenden's on-air

comments were made independently without the knowledge or approval of network management. "The matter is under review," he said.

In a prepared statement, ABC's Radio National manager, Jane Connors, said the cancellation of programs was part of a shift in resources from on air, which attracted an audience over the age of 50, to online, which attracted a much younger audience. Since 2006 the station's monthly average for downloaded podcasts had more than doubled, to 1.7 million.

"Decisions to wind up programs are never easy, as all of the network's shows are made with passion and care, and each have their devoted following," Dr Connors said, adding there would be no job losses as a result of the changes.

However, more than 30 jobs will go in the ABC's television production division, with the broadcaster expecting to shed more than 15 per cent of its television producers as part of the forced redundancies.

A further 17 jobs will be axed in the resources division, which handles post-production.

The high profile presenter of the short-lived program In Conversation, Robyn Williams, will retain his weekly Saturday midday spot on The Science Show.

He said the cuts to Radio National were part of the gradual erosion of serious content on the ABC because of ongoing inadequate funding. "I don't want to sound like the traditional ABC whinger, but we are broke," he said.

Despite a KPMG report arguing the ABC needed an extra $48.1 million for 2008/2009 to sustain its current output, May's federal budget delivered no funding increase.

Excluding transmission and additional funds related to public access of digital television services, the ABC received $683.4 million.

The Victorian-based campaign manager for The Friends of the ABC, Glenys Stradijot, said her organisation was outraged at the axing of the specialist programs.

"These cuts amount to a major downgrading of Radio National," she said. "Moves to increase content delivery options must not be at the expense of traditional services that are needed and are accessible to all Australians." (via Dan Say, DXLD)

Same: http://www.smh.com.au:80/articles/2008/10/15/1223750110317.html

(via Mike Terry, dxldyg, and via Dale Park, WORLD OF RADIO 1431, DXLD)

This will affect lots of Radio Australia programming, often a patchcord into Radio National (Dan Say, BC, swprograms via DXLD)

Sad news; most of these programs were very good. My own favorite of the bunch is "The Ark", because it offers perspectives on world religions in thoughtful ways without descending into irrational arguments that often pollute programming about religion. I will also personally miss "Radio Eye." (Richard Cuff / Allentown, PA USA, swprograms via DXLD)

ABC-AUSTRALIA DEFENDS DOMESTIC RADIO PROGRAMME CUTS
Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union Weekly News Digest October 16 2008
http://www.abu.org.my/public/dsp_page.cfm?articleid=3998&urlsectionid=715&specialsection=ART_FULL&pageid=247&PSID=2807

The Managing Director of the Australian Broadcasting Corporation, Mark Scott, says the quality and diversity of its Radio National service will continue despite the axing of several programmes, ABC News reports.

Yesterday the ABC released its 2009 Radio National schedule, confirming that eight specialist programmes would not be returning.

The programmes are the Media Report, Religion Report, Sports Factor, Perspective, The Ark, In Conversation, Radio Eye and Street Stories.

Earlier today, the Senate supported a motion from the opposition Greens party calling on ABC management to explain why the programmes have been axed.

Mr Scott has defended the decision, saying the changes will not diminish the quality of Radio National's output.

"We are doing nothing to change the fundamental foundation of Radio National's success in delivering high quality distinctive programming to the Australian people. There are new ideas, new specialist programmes that we need to develop and put to air." (via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

** AUSTRALIA [non]. Correxion: In 8-110 I reported that on Oct 5, Australian Express was ending at approximately 1230 Sunday via CBC Overnight via CKZU. So on Oct 12 I tuned in too late to hear whether the new Australian Bite had replaced it at the same time. The 1230 show remained Innovation (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRIA. ORS Frequency Schedule B-08 - From 26 Oct 2008 to 28

March 2009 tx MOOSBRUNN - Coordinates 48 00 24.21 N 16 27 40.98 E

Freq kHz	Time from to	Power kW	Azimut deg	Ant type	Program	Target CIRAF Zone	Remarks
5955	1800-2000	100	300	LPH	VoVTN	27,28W	
5970	0200-0300	300	90	HR	AWR Urdu/Pan	40E,41NW	
6015	0500-0530	300	115	HR	BBC Eurasia	39NW	Mon-Fri
6045	0430-0500	300	220	HR	AWR French	37,38W	
6050	1600-1650	100	115	LPH	BBC Eurasia	39NW	Mon-Fri
6050	1600-1630	100	115	LPH	BBC Eurasia	39NW	Sat/Sun
6095	0330-0430	300	100	HR	AWR Persian	40	
6155	0600-1800	300	ND	HQ	OE 1 Intern	18,27,28,29,37,38,39	
6155	2100-2200	100	ND	HQ	OE 1 Intern	18,27,28,29,37,38,39	
7215	1729-1758	100	115	HR	TWR Persian	30S,40	
7325	0000-0030	300	290	HR	OE 1 Intern	10,11,12	
7325	0030-0100	300	305	HR	OE 1 Intern	4,7,8,9	
9495	1500-1600	100	55	HRS	TWR Bel/Ru	28,29,30	
9535	1900-1930	300	190	HR	AWR Hausa	46SE,47W	
9535	1930-2000	300	175	HR	AWR French	47,48W,52,53W	
9605	1830-1900	300	190	HR	AWR Arabic	38	
9685	1630-1700	100	95	HRS	TWR Armenian	29S,39N	
9770	2000-2030	300	210	HR	AWR Dyu	46	
9805	2030-2100	300	210	HR	AWR French	46	
9805	2100-2200	100	230	LPH	RCI French	37,38	
9825	1800-1830	300	160	HR	AWR MisZndDinAch	47E,48W	
9830	1630-1728	300	100	HR	AWR Persian	40	
9830	2100-2130	300	210	HR	AWR En	46	
9840	0100-0130	300	235	HRS	OE 1 Intern	12,13,14,15,16	
11910	1600-1630	300	90	HR	AWR Urdu	40E,41NW	
13730	0600-1400x1800	100	180	LPH	OE 1 Intern	18,27,28,29,37,38,39	
13740	0625-0659	300	195	HR	BBC AF Hausa	46E,47SW	
15160	1500-1530	300	120	HR	AWR Turkish	29S,39N,40W	
15220	0800-0830	300	115	HR	FEBA R Arab	39N	
15440	1400-1430	300	90	HR	AWR Urdu	40E,41NW	
17610	1430-1500	300	145	HR	AWR Aar	48	
17855	1300-1330x1400	300	90	HR	OE 1 Intern	41,49,50,54,55,58,59	
17870	0600-0630	100	115	HRS	OE 1 Intern	39,40	

(ORS, via ADDX Andreas Volk-D, reformatted by wb 20 Oct 2008 via B¸schel, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1431, DXLD) x means formerly?? (gh)

** BAHRAIN. 6010, R. Bahrain from Abu Hayan transmission site, 60 kW, heard at 0140 on 16 Oct. with poor signals, but no noticeable damage from IRIB this time. Program of blues music with time pips on the hour and positive ID in English. No announcements between the songs. Was able to confirm via // streaming audio from their site (Al Muick, Kabul, Afghanistan, WinRadio G303e, 100m longwire, HCDX via DXLD)

** BANGLADESH. 4750, Bangladesh Betar heard at 1600 GMT on 14 Oct. in

Bangladeshi [sic] with time pips, full ID, short newscast and then music program of traditional and modern mx. Brief announcements by OM between songs. Powerhouse S5 signal. I was very surprised as I had not heard them at this strength before. Checked back at 1700 but they were starting to fade already. Maybe propagation was good this day. 73s de (Al Muick, Kabul, Afghanistan, HCDX via DXLD)

** BELGIUM. Re 8-113, UNIDENTIFIED, and also this issue, 1512: Yes, Wolvertem would of course be the first thing to assume, but it seems that the transmission in question is now believed to be a high-powered Dutch pirate (high power of course in pirate station terms)?

Concerning Wolvertem the situation is such that the site is still active on 927, so ad-hoc tests on 1512 do not appear to be a problem. The antenna system appears to consist of a single ND mast plus a three mast directional array, but what is what? Anyway 1512 used to be run during daytime at 25 kW as Bruxelles area city service (including two hours of Deutsche Welle in German within the airtime exchange arrangement VRT and DW used to run) and during the evening at 300 kW as skywave service for abroad (including RNW programming within a similar exchange of airtime).

The Wolvertem site is operated by VRT, but this may change, I think VRT is now required to outsource its transmitter operations because DVB-T services have to be provided for commercial broadcasters, too.

http://lvb.net/item/6071
http://muziekmuseum.skynetblogs.be/post/5743665/nog-een-middengolffrequentie-voor-vrt-

The second link especially features the Kuurne transmitter with its elder Gates rig and the Revox devices to pick up FM signals for retransmission (or does an English term for Ballempf‰nger exist?). (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Oct 16, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BHUTAN. 6035.00, *0000-0050 15.10, Bhutan Broadcasting Service, Sangaygang. Dzongkha announcement, horn fanfare, Buddhist monks intoning, 0016 songs. Much stronger than the night before! 34433, QRM Colombia. Best 73, (Anker Petersen, Denmark, AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres longwire, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

6035, BBS, 1428-1438*, Oct 22, in English, very pleasant young woman announcer with call-in show, mostly young girls calling in, pop music, mixing with PBS Yunnan (in Vietnamese). After BBS went off Yunnan had fair reception. Re-checked at 1456 but BBS had not returned (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BIAFRA [non]. On Sept 26 I confirmed V. of Biafra International,

via WHRI was on 17650, tho just barely audible for the weekly Friday-only broadcast at 20-21 UT. Rechecked Oct 17, zero on 17650, but could just be even poorer propagation? No, there it was on 15280 again, which was the frequency used in July and August. Unmistakable orator speaking, tho reception here also very poor. I can only assume that these abrupt frequency changes are prompted by monitoring in Biafraland. I see that the website http://www.biafraland.com/vobi.htm now shows 15280 correctly; I don`t recall if they ever got around to showing 17650 during the brief period it was in use. BTW, for B-08 the plans are to go to 15665, but I`ll believe it if and when I hear it (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1431, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BOLIVIA. The 60 meter band Bolivians fade out between 1030 to 1045:
4699.42, Radio San Miguel, Riberalta *1000 into music, "seis y cuatro minutos" 20 October
4716.62, Radio Yura, Yura 20 October
4781.47, Radio Tacana, weak audio. 1010 to 1030, 20 October
4796.47, Radio Mallku, Uyuni, 1010 to 1030 20 October

4732. XXXX Radio Universitaria, Cobija, Pando. Universitaria off with the RYRYRYRY rtty present most of the time. :-(20 October. 73s (Bob Wilkner, Pompano Beach, South Florida, Mosquito Coast DX News, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BOLIVIA. 6155.30, Radio Fides, 0912-0930 Oct 21, Male with steady Spanish language comments. Heard the place name "Santa Cruz" often. Following the initial comments, the rest of the Spanish comments seemed to be political. Others join the commotion including a couple of females as the comments continued. Signal did not improve enough for ID, but remained poor.

6134.35, Radio Santa Cruz, 0927-0935 Oct 21. Noted a male in Spanish language news. Checked this just to make sure the above logging on 6155.30 wasn't actually this station Santa Cruz, and it wasn't. "5 en maÒana y 28 minutos". This was followed with music. Very good signal this morning (Chuck Bolland, NRD545, Clewiston, Florida, WORLD OF RADIO 1431, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Political activity? Glenn, I don't know if you noticed yet, but I reported Radio Fides on 6155.30 this mornning. I didn't hear an ID; however I heard Santa Cruz mentioned a lot. Anyway, the gist of the comments seemed to be political. They were really enthusiastic in their comments. Is there some kind of political activity going on in Bolivia these days that would cause Radio Fides to change their format from EZL music and comments, to political activity? Of course, I haven't heard Radio Fides for a number of years until just recently, so I might be way out in left field on my assumption that their format is music and comments? I thought you'd be up to date on this, and you

might know what's going on? Keep up the good work (Chuck Bolland, FL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Chuck, Yes, there certainly is, apparently quite a struggle between the Pres. Morales side representing the Indians and the coca growers, and the old Spanish-rooted aristocracy/oligarchy, exemplified by the appearance of R. Causachun Coca 6075. That`s greatly oversimplified. Another way to look at it is a struggle between the hilands and the lolands. Fides is a Catholic station and I would not be at all surprised for them to be politically active (Glenn to Chuck, via WORLD OF RADIO 1431, DXLD)

[and non]. Germany, 6075, Deutsche Welle, 1000-1010 Oct. 22. Waiting here for the Bolivian, but instead Deutsche Welle fades in with German language news and features. So RADIO KAUSACHUN COCA is probably off the air for good. Haven't heard them for more than a week. They were well heard here in Clewiston, Florida when active (Chuck Bolland, Clewiston, Florida, NRD545, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1431, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

If it`s DW, it can`t be from Germany! This is via Rampisham UK, 1000-1559 at 105 degrees, and surely won`t remain audible in Florida much after 1000. In B-08 that transmission changes to 0800-1559 via Woofferton at 114 degrees, with DW also on 6075 throughout the day from various sites. So you may have DW to cope with also before 1000.

As for RKC, like any Latin American, I would not conclude it`s gone for good after merely missing for one week (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 4865, RADIO VERDES FLORESTAS. Cruzeiro du Sul. 0040-0045* oct 11. TransmisiÛn de la misa. "...a Radio Verdes Florestas transmiteu a santa missa direitamente da catedral Nossa Senhora da GlÛria..." Fuerte seÒal, fuera del aire a las 0045 sin cierre (Rafael RodrÌguez R., Bogot· D.C. - COLOMBIA, Winradio G303i, JRC NRD 525, SONY 2010, Antenas hilos de varias longitudes, playdx yg via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. QSL - or, rather, No QSL. 6040, R. Clube Paranaense. Report, f/up, returned as undeliverable this week. Bad timing. An on-line check revealed the fact that this one ceased independent operations in September when its entire journalist staff resigned. Must be a real story there, though I don't know what it is (Don Jensen, Kenosha WI, NASWA yg via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. 6089.95, R·dio Bandeirantes, S„o Paulo, 0105-0120, Oct 17, Anguilla off the air leaving this station in the clear. Portuguese talk, ads, promos, sound effects. Fair. // 9645.29 - very weak (Brian Alexander, PA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 9565, Oct 20 at 0544, mention of ``Igreja Deus È Amor`` as soon as I tuned in, so tuned out. But not usually heard here; no residual jamming against R. MartÌ, but some splatter from a strong RHC on 9550. WRTH says R. Tupi, Curitiba, but it`s degraded into just another gospel huxter, like so many other once distinctive Brazilian SW stations (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 11815, Radio Brasil Central, Goi,nia, 2018-2045, 14-10, anuncio del Estado de Goi·s, programa "Na Beira da Mata", identificaciÛn: "R·dio Brasil Central, Goi,nia, vocÍ est· a ouvir Na Beira da Mata, com Carlos Veloso". Na Beira da Mata es un buen programa de entretenimiento que transmite esta emisora desde 1975, su p·gina web: http://www.nabeiradamata.com.br

El horario de transmisiÛn es de 0500 a 0700 y de 1600 a 1800 hora del Este de Brasil, de 0800 a 1000 UT y de 1900-2100 UT (UT -3 actualmente, pero a partir del domingo dÌa 19 UT -2 [therefore, will be 07-09 & 18-20 UT --- gh]) . P·gina web de RBC: http://www.agecom.go.gov.br/RBCAM.php 45444

Radio Brasil Central es la emisora brasileÒa que mejor se escucha aquÌ en EspaÒa. Transmite en la frecuencia de 11815 y 4985 kHz. En la primera de las frecuencias es posible escuchar a esta emisora, cuando la propagaciÛn es buena, a cualquier hora del dÌa.

Historia del programa "Na Beira da Mata", de Radio Brasil Central, extraÌdo de su p·gina web: http://www.nabeiradamata.com.br/

"Em julho de 1975, mais precisamente no dia 19 de julho, foi ao ar pela primeira vez, nas possantes ondas da R·dio Brasil Central de Goi,nia, o ìPrograma Na Beira da Mataî, que rapidamente se tornou referÍncia e maior sucesso em audiÍncia de programas sertanejos na regi„o centro-oeste.

O programa era apresentado pela dupla Veloso & Velosinho, e contava com a participaÁ„o de artistas ao vivo, entre eles nomes como Trio da VitÛria, AndrÈ e Andrade, Prai„o e Prainha, Irm„s Freitas, Os Filhos da Fronteira, ZÈ Mulato e Cassiano, Zaz· e ZezÈ e muitos outros.

Dado o sucesso do programa no r·dio, em 1976 o ìNa Beira da Mataî ganhava o seu espaÁo na telinha. Exibido pela TV Brasil Central, sobre o comando e apresentaÁ„o de Veloso, era realmente uma proposta ousada. Um programa de auditÛrio, com apresentaÁıes de artistas ao vivo, e onde desfilaram nomes famosos da ìR·dio Nacional de S„o Pauloî, como Ti„o Carreiro e Pardinho, Liu e LÈu, Zico e Zeca, LÈo Canhoto e Robertinho e, quanta ironia... Artistas esses que a dupla Veloso e Velosinho, antes Jo„ozinho e Toninho, admiravam e sonhavam conhecer

ouvindo-os pela R·dio Nacional de S„o Paulo na Linha Sertaneja das 20:00h.

Em 1980, mais precisamente no dia 29 de junho, com o prematuro falecimento de Velosinho seguiu ent„o Veloso como Jo„o Veloso. A carreira como dupla foi sepultada juntamente com o irm„o Velosinho, mas o Programa ìNa Beira da Mataî continuou... e continua atÈ hoje, levando emoÁıes e saudades, mas acima de tudo alegria a uma infinidade de lares por todo o paÌs e alÈm fronteiras." (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, EspaÒa, Oct 16, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. With a little help from the solar flux level, which reached 71 the day before, a few Brazilians were audible in the nightmiddle on 25m, Oct 16 at 0555, such as 11895 with closing credits to a drama and IDs as ``Super-Rede Boa Vontade``. Aoki has this fair signal as only 1 kW from Porto Alegre, but it`s just a gospel-huxter from the country where domestic SW is now dominated by them. However, WRTH 2008 lists it as 10 kW from ZYE856. A real commercial SW relay of R. Bandeirantes, S„o Paulo, 10 kW, ZYE958, was better on 11925 at 0550, with ID and promos at 0601. 11780 RNA not yet on (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. ApÛs alguns meses, a R·dio Cultura de S„o Paulo reapareceu nos 16 metros em 17815 kHz na tarde deste s·bado ‡s 1515 de BrasÌlia [1815 UT]. O sinal era razo·vel (…dison Bocorny Jr., Novo Hamburgo, Oct 18, radioescutas yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1431, DXLD)

A notÌcia È Ûtima amigo Edison, Mas infelizmente monitorei por aqui e nada do sinal dela em Barbacena. Mas vou continuar tentando pois gosto muito desta emissora (Adalberto, ibid.)

** BRAZIL. HOR¡RIO DE VER√O COME«A HOJE NO BRASIL --- A partir da meia-noite de hoje (18/10) adiantar os relogios em 1 hora (UT -2). Cabe salientar que È somente para as regiÙes Sul, Sudesde e Centro-Oeste. Mais: http://pcdsh01.on.br/verao1.html
73 (Marcelo Bedene, DX Clube do PR, http://www.dxclube.com.br Oct 18, playdx yg via DXLD) i.e. the change was made at 0300 UT Oct 19 (gh)

** BULGARIA. 6000, Radio Varna, 2113-2145, Oct 19, local lite pop music. IDs at 2120 & 2125. Announcements in Bulgarian. Fair to good but very weak co-channel QRM from unidentified station until 2130. Sundays only. Thought sign on time was 2200 (Brian Alexander, PA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6000, R. Varna heard at 0108 on 20 Oct. with some pop and orchestral music, shipping news, and weather in Bulgarian. Several station IDs in a 30 minute period. Fair signals with moderate QSB (Al Muick, Kabul, Afghanistan, WinRadio G303e, 100m longwire, HCDX via DXLD)

B-08 Varna will stay on 6000, from 2230 Sun to 0400 Mon, despite RHC (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1431, DXLD)

** BULGARIA. HARMONIC: Radio Varna 774 kHz regularly since months with harmonic on 1548 (in Varna the transmission of Moldova - Grigoriopol was with problems received 1200-2300 with programs of VOR, TWR and CRI) (July-September). (Rumen Pankov, Bulgaria, Oct 12, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Oct 16 via DXLD)

** BULGARIA. Note the Radio Bulgaria B08 schedule in DXLD 8-113: Apparently the high power MW/SW transmitters in Bulgaria are now usually run at reduced power, 300 instead of 500 and 170 instead of 250 kW. Perhaps I will later write something about the Bulgarian AM side, for now already the note that a number of classical tube transmitters from a Russian manufacturer have been installed quite recently, in some cases less than ten years ago. This also applies to Pleven-594, i.e. the old Funkwerk Kˆpenick transmitter is no longer in use there (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Oct 16, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1431, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

R Bulgaria reduced Plovdiv transmitter power to two/one third of original 500 kW level (Wolfgang B¸schel, BC-DX Oct 16 via DXLD)

** CANADA. Listeners bid adiÛs to RCI --- This afternoon, Maple Leaf Mailbag aired some unhappy letters from listeners who were not amused with Radio Canada's decision to drop SW to Europe at the end of this month. And just as I am starting to get good reception of them at my location on 17735. :>/ (Rick Barton, AZ, Oct 19, ABDX via DXLD)

** CANADA. 6160, CKZU/CBC Radio One (presumed) via Vancouver/Richmond, 0235-0247, Oct 15, live election coverage results, fair. Recently I have heard CKZN (Newfoundland) under Vancouver, but not tonight (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6160, CKZU (presumed), 0405, 10/15/08, English. Live election night coverage with results/discussion of local B.C. parliamentary contests, then Stephane Dion's concession speech at 0415 with running English translation of the French parts. Heavy QRM from R Netherlands on 6165, fair otherwise (Mark Schiefelbein, MO, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6160, CKZU, Vancouver, 10/15, 0455 off and on past 0615. Reports of the Canadian election with many references to voting returns for British Columbia, e.g., "Vancouver East Riding." I believe a riding is an election district. From tune in, fair signal at times from this one which is very rarely heard in Wisconsin, with St. John's usually noted on frequency. Strong interference from Radio Nederland on 6165 until it signed off at 0557. After that, the station, with CBC Radio 1 net

programing was often quite good and clear, but with long deep fades to inaudibility (Don Jensen, Kenosha WI, NASWA yg via DXLD)

** CANADA. 6030, Calgary - CFVP relaying CKMX (AM 1060), 1417-1427 + 1444, Oct 22, with CNR-1 off the air here, was able to hear C&W songs, man and woman DJs, several IDs for Classic Country AM 1060, promo for winning prizes, traffic report, "the next traffic report in 15 minutes", poor to fair, jamming, perhaps against Ming Hui Radio? (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. 6070, CFRX Toronto ON; 1619-1630+, 19 Oct [Sunday]; Tech Talk call-in program; News-Talk 10-10 CFRB. SIO=453, // 1010 CFRB. 6070 has waves of white QRN while 1010 has steady QRN (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 210' center-fed RW, 85' end-fed RW, 125' bow-tie, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

[and non]. Shortly after sunrise I can usually detect CFRX in clear on 6070, but at night it`s blown away by CVC Chile. At times, however, CFRX manages to make its presence known by producing a SAH on CVC: Oct 20 at 0625 I counted one of 210/minute = 3.5 Hz. Make that presumed, as it could have been from ELWA or something else (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. CKDH-900 Amherst NS and CKCR-1340 Revelstoke BC apply to CRTC to move to FM

CKDH-900 Amherst NS has applied to the CRTC to move to FM (107.1 MHz, 18.7 kW, 32 meters).

http://www.crtc.gc.ca/archive/ENG/Hearings/2008/n2008-13.htm#5

5. Amherst, Nova Scotia Application No. 2008-0816-5

Application by Maritime Broadcasting System Limited to convert radio station CKDH Amherst from the AM band to the FM band.

The new station would operate on frequency 107.1 MHz (channel 269B) with an average effective radiated power of 18,700 watts (maximum effective radiated power of 40,000 watts with an average effective height of antenna above average terrain of 32 metres).

The applicant proposes an adult contemporary music format.

The applicant is requesting permission to simulcast the programming of the new FM station on CKDH for a period of three months from the date of implementation of the new station.

The applicant is also requesting, pursuant to sections 9(1)(e) and 24

(1) of the Broadcasting Act, the revocation of the licence of CKDH effective at the end of the simulcast period.

The Commission may withdraw this application from the public hearing if it is not advised by the Department of Industry, at least twenty days prior to the hearing, that the application is technically acceptable.

This application requires the issuance of a new licence.

CKCR-1340 Revelstoke BC has also applied to move to FM (106.1 MHz, 800 watts, -808.8 meters; this is not a typo (Revelstoke is in a mountain valley))

http://www.crtc.gc.ca/archive/ENG/Hearings/2008/n2008-13.htm#12

12. Revelstoke, British Columbia Application No. 2008-0946-0

Application by Astral Media Radio (Toronto) Inc. and 4382072 Canada Inc., partners in a general partnership carrying on business as Astral Media Radio G.P. to convert radio station CKCR Revelstoke from the AM band to the FM band.

The new station would operate on frequency 106.1 MHz (channel 291A) with an effective radiated power of 800 watts (non-directional antenna/effective height of antenna above average terrain of -808.8 metres).

The applicant proposes an Adult Contemporary music format.

The applicant is requesting permission to simulcast the programming of the new FM station on CKCR for a period of three months from the date of implementation of the new station.

The applicant is also requesting, pursuant to sections 9(1)(e) and 24 (1) of the Broadcasting Act, the revocation of the licence of CKCR effective at the end of the simulcast period.

The Commission may withdraw this application from the public hearing if it is not advised by the Department of Industry, at least twenty days prior to the hearing, that the application is technically acceptable. This application requires the issuance of a new licence.
73, (via Deane McIntyre VE6BPO, AB, Oct 16, DXLD)

** CANADA. EDMONTON TO GET FIVE NEW FM RADIO STATIONS
FRIDAY, 17 OCTOBER 2008

In a broadcast decision handed down today, the CRTC announced it had approved five applications for new FM radio stations in Edmonton and denied applications for nine other stations.

In addition to awarding a licence for an Edmonton based Aboriginal language station servicing all of Alberta, the commission approved licences for an Adult Contemporary, Adult Album Alternative, Essential Alternative and Young music station.

The decision follows a public hearing which took place in May in Edmonton. At the time, the commission received fourteen applications for new stations to service the Edmonton Central radio market which encompasses the communities of Edmonton, St-Albert, Sherwood Park, Spruce Grove, Fort Saskatchewan and Leduc communities. The commission estimates the Edmonton market consists of just over 1 million people.

Prior to the decision, the Edmonton radio market was currently served by 16 commercial stations, including one ethnic station. Of these, 11 are FM stations and four are AM stations based in Edmonton while one is an AM station based in Camrose, Alberta. The three largest commercial ownership groups operating in the Edmonton market are Corus Radio Company, Astral Media Group and Newcap Inc. Combined; these broadcasters capture more than two-thirds of total radio tuning.

The CRTC approved the following four applications subject to some conditions:

The Aboriginal Multi-Media Society of Alberta was awarded a broadcasting licence to operate a new English- and Aboriginal-language Native Type B FM radio station to serve Edmonton, Alberta along with 36 transmitters to serve communities across Alberta.

John Charles Yerxa was awarded a broadcasting licence to operate a new English-language commercial FM radio station featuring a "young music format" targeted to listeners between the ages of 12 and 34.

Rawlco was awarded a broadcasting licence to operate an Adult Contemporary FM Hit Radio music format featuring new music and emerging artist music targeted to listeners aged 18 to 49 years.

CTV Limited was awarded a broadcasting licence to operate an English FM station with an "Essential Alternative" music format featuring alternative rock and alternative pop music targeted to adults between the ages of 25 and 44.

Harvard Broadcasting Inc. was awarded a broadcasting licence to offer an "Adult Album Alternative" (Triple A) music format, a relatively new commercial format in Canada that draws on a broad range of

musical genres. The proposed station will target primarily women in the 25 to 64 demographic which Harvard found to be an underserved audience in the Edmonton market.

The commission denied applications from the following nine applicants:

Black Gold Broadcasting Inc.
CIAM Media Broadcasting Association
Don Kay
Evanov Communications Inc.
Frank Torres
Guldasta Broadcasting Inc.
Jim Pattison Broadcast Group Ltd.
Multicultural Broadcasting Corporation Inc.
http://www.digitalhome.ca/content/view/2981/281/
(via Kevin Redding, TN, Oct 18, ABDX via DXLD)

WTFK? Who cares? Frequency info was certainly an integral part of these decisions, deliberately deleted by digitalhome (gh)

** CANADA [and non]. ALL-NEWS RADIO AN AM LIFELINE
John McKay, Broadcast Dialogue
http://www.pugetsoundradio.com/forum/m-1223222338/

Glenn, note the statement late in the article:
"So there may yet be long life left for the AM dial. After all, old technologies die hard. CFRB Toronto earlier this year even had engineers working to get its old short-wave simulcast service, CFRX, up and running again amid reports the BBC is also re-energizing its short-wave world service`` (Andy Reid, Ont., Oct 18, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Long article mainly about all-news in Canada and USA. See also USA, KFRC/KCBS story (gh)

** CANADA. CKSW-570 veriesigner killed in car accident --- Finnish DX-er Simo S. Soininen has been informed that Ken L.A. Burgess was killed in a car accident a week ago. Also his wife was killed and the accident left their 27 year old daughter injured. Simo had been corresponding with Ken for some 30 years. My QSL-card from 1983 was signed by Ken and he then also wrote a long letter telling about himself, his DX-ing activites etc. and included a package of stickers and other marketing materials. Many oldtimers have received QSLís from Ken (HÂkan Sundman, Helsinki, Oct 20, NRC-AM via WORLD OF RADIO 1431, DXLD) OBIT

** CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC. Radio Centrafrique has been off the air for the past day because of a general power failure in Bangui caused by problems at the Boali hydro-electic station (Chris Greenway, England, Oct 17, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) 7220 only? Back yet?

(gh)

** CHILE. 6009.9, RADIO PARINACOTA, Putre. 1000-1010 oct 12. Fuera del aire Conciencia [COLOMBIA], sin seÒales de Radio InconfidÍncia [BRASIL], ni Radio Mil [M…XICO]. Aperturando sus emisiones: "...Desde la provincia de Parinacota, se levanta la voz de una pueblo - - - Radio Parinacota inicia su transmisiÛn - - - el repsentante legal de Radio Parinacota es el seÒor Francisco - - - equipo que trabaja - - - 94.5 - - - banda - - - onda corta 6010 kcs - - - se encuentra en la ciudad de Putre...." Demasiado ruido en la banda. Buen DX (Rafael RodrÌguez R., Bogot· D.C. - COLOMBIA, Winradio G303i, JRC NRD 525, SONY 2010, Antenas hilos de varias longitudes, playdx yg via DXLD)

** CHINA. 7105, PBS Nei Menggu, Hohhot, heard 17 Oct. at 2340 in Mandarin commentary and soft music. 2359 with a deep-voiced OM with full ID, mentioning Hohhot and Nei Menggu and suddenly off at 2359:30. BBC in English to Cyprus popped up on the hour at 0000. According to EiBi, these guys are supposed to be on until 0600. Strange, but definitely heard. Went and sifted through their website for email addies and found these two: imbs @ tom.com and imbs @ 163.com Sent an email report off to both of them, and nothing was bounced so they may both be good. I will post if I get any replies. 73s de (Al Muick, Kabul, Afghanistan, WinRadio G303e, 100m Longwire, HCDX via DXLD)

** CHINA [and non]. Notes on listening from Saturday Oct 18; used Grundig G5 with 30-ft. wire antenna strung to a tree in the yard. Receiver has plenty of sensitivity to pick up distant and weak signals either with whip or wire connection.

Heard Listeners' Garden at 2130 on CRI with usual channels aimed at Europe: 9600 was best, 7190 had some co-channel QRM (both at 308 degrees from Kashi) and also heard weakly on 6135 at 318 deg. From Beijing, // Albania relays on 7285 and 5960 which were very good here (Joe Hanlon, NJ, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA [and non]. A part of CNR-1 goes off the air from the evening of yesterday (Local time). Not operate frequency: 4460, 5030, 5945, 6030, 6175, 7290, 7345, 9645, 9675, 9830, 9860, 9900, 11960, 12045, 15480, 15550, 17565 and 17890 kHz.

These frequencies seem to be Beijing transmitter site. I can receive 7275/15380 and 9845/17550 to seem to be the transmission from Beijing. But, the signal is very weak, and site may be changed. de Hiroshi (S. Hasegawa, NDXC, Oct 21, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1431, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Yes, 6030 kHz is free of China. If R. Maranatha is on today, from 1450 until 1550 when R. Oromiya signs on, it might be heard further away.

AIR Delhi was heard until 1420 sign-off. 73, (Mauno Ritola, Finland, ibid.)

I hear nothing at 6030 kHz at 1500 UT. I can receive R. Malaysia-Sarawak FM in Malay at 1500 on 5030 kHz that became clear channel well (S. Hasegawa, NDXC, ibid.)

Yes, of course it is not on today. I have a very weak carrier on 6030.01 kHz now at 1530, but that's not the Kyrgyzstan station, too weak for that. 73, (Mauno Ritola, Finland, ibid.)

** COLOMBIA. Re 8-113, Sobre el Plan TÈcnico --- Hola Don Glenn, Muy ciertas sus opiniones sobre el "PLAN TECNICO NACIONAL DE RADIODIFUSION SONORA EN AMPLITUD MODULADA" que creo el Ministerio de Comunicaciones de Colombia, que si bien en un principio pretende poner orden en la asignaciÛn de frecuencias, se convierte tambiÈn en una camisa de fuerza; ya que limita la existencia de emisoras comerciales y comunitarias a los canales predeterminados allÌ, y claro cuidan de no poner en riesgo a las grades cadenas ya existentes.

Por que el tr·mite para obtener la licencia se debe hacer por LicitaciÛn P˙blica cuando ellos (o los interes polÌticos de turno) decida convocar a concurso, y claro allÌ priman intereses econÛmicos, polÌticos, etc.

A pesar de decir que est· actualizado, esta actualizaciÛn se basa solo en las resoluciones o normas ya aprobadas, aunque los cambios ya se hayan realizado tiempo atr·s por las emisoras.

En onda corta figuran los canales asignados y que no han sido "devueltos" por las emisoras; no revisan si est·n activos; como usted seÒala, lo ˙nico interesante allÌ es 6105 kHz que parece estar adjudicado a Radio Maria Colombia para operarla, pero no han llevado a cabo el proyecto, lo m·s probable por falta de dinero.

Las frecuencias de la Radiodifusora Nacional no operaban mucho tiempo atr·s antes de su desapariciÛn; ahora la "pomposa" RTVC, no tiene en sus planes reactivar la onda corta. Han mejorado la onda media y fuerte en FM y es claro que todos esos canales en onda corta no ser·n ocupados.

Sobre la operaciÛn en SSB, parece que ellos mismos no han tenido en cuenta una resoluciÛn del mismo ministerio que obligÛ a los operadores de estos canales en SSB (organismos del estado, empresas, etc.) a abandonarlos ya que se han redistribuidos para la radiodifusiÛn sonora, seg˙n normas de la ITU. Un saludo (Rafael RodrÌguez R., Bogot·, Oct 15, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CONGO DR [non]. 11690, R. Okapi, 12 October at 0540+ in French. Talk and African music. Fair but fading. On 13 October 11690 at 0407 in French with strong signal (Liz Cameron, MI, MARE Tipsheet via WORLD OF RADIO 1431, DXLD)

11690, VG signal in French at 0555 Oct 20, ``Radiokapi`` jingles, ``des Grands-Lacs ‡ la mer`` slogan, news about Brazzaville, but I tuned in too late: cut off abruptly at 0558:25* in the middle of a sentence. Geez, another station which fails to coˆrdinate between studio and transmitter, which is Meyerton, nominally 0400-0600, 250 kW at 342 degrees per Aoki; CIRAF target is 52, i.e. per http://www.itu.int/ITU-R/terrestrial/broadcast/images/broad-ciraf2.gif includes most but not all of both Congos, Zambia, Gabon, Angola. Who draws these wacky boundaries, anyway? Previous inspection of Okapi`s Hirondelle website indicated it focuses only on Congo-Kinshasa, not -Brazzaville. SENTECH just says ``Central Africa`` as target, in French/various, while Aoki says French and Lingala. For B-08 this transmission continues and the other one will be at 16-17 on 9635 (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1431, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** COSTA RICA [and non]. 3350, REE, 0205 + 0217 + 0243, Oct 15, heard with just an open carrier, at 0148 no signal at all (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Not supposed to start until 0200 (gh)

REE relay, 3350, with hum and whine, 0559 Oct 15 sign-off announcement said would be back to CAm at 1100 on 15930 and 15170 in the 19 meter band. I think that`s what he said, in Spanish, but was not recording. Should be 5930 and 15170. Must recheck (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) viz.:

REE relay, this time monitored on 9630 at 0600 sign-off Oct 16: announcer said it would resume at 1100 for Central America on ``5970 y 15170 kHz en la banda de 19 metros`` so the frequencies were right but the implication was that both frequencies are in the 19m band! Another SW announcer who really knows nothing about SW, reads copy without fixing such obvious mistaxe. BTW, that applies to M-F only; on Sat & Sun 5970 is not in use and 15170 opens at 1200 per EiBi. And why didn`t he mention 5930 which comes on at 1000 M-F? Because that`s for South America. As if no one in CAm, or CNAm for that matter, could hear it or vice versa. Also, if you`re awake at 0600, are you also likely to be awake at 1100? Not me, but that`s the way sign-off announcements traditionally go, assuming listeners are eager to hear it again ASAP (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also CUBA re 11680

REE C.R. technical issues?? Also check out 5964.0 at *0359 (// 9630) -- great het 'though! (Dave Walcutt, Eugene OR, Oct 16, DX LISTENING

DIGEST)

Hi Dave, Oh yeah, it`s been 1 kHz off for a long time. Also 11814 instead of 11815 at other times; and for a while 9764 instead of 9765; not sure if that one is still the case or all are the same transmitter. Any idea of what could cause this as far as how transmitters work? 73, (Glenn to Dave, via DXLD)

Glenn, Most transmitters are pretuned, according to a software routine, so I would suspect a programming glitch. Speculating, perhaps someone made a typo which has been perpetuated. But who knows. 73 (Dave Walcutt, ibid.)

** CROATIA. 3984.84, Voice of Croatia; 0234-0247+, 15-Oct; M&W in Spanish alternating news features; several mentions of programa en espaÒol; La Voz Croacia ID at 0247. Poor in ARO QRM with occasional fair peak (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 210' center-fed RW, 85' end-fed RW, 125' bow-tie, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

3984.85, 2250-0020 14/15.10, Hrvatski R, Deanovec. Croatian songs and news, S 9+10, 55545. Powerful transmitter (off frequency). It had signed off on 6165 (Anker Petersen, Denmark, AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres longwire, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

3984.74, Hrvatski R, Deanovec, Oct 15, no carrier at 2143, weak carrier at 2205-2213, switched on abruptly in mid sentence at 2217 while 6165 switched off at the same time. Heard *2217-2255 in English (news), 2230 Spanish (News), and 2250 Croatian. ID's "Voice of Croatia". S=9+10 dB, 55544.

6165.00, Hrvatski R, Deanovec, 2143-2217*, Oct 15, Croatian announcement, folksongs, 2215 English news from EU Summit, 55555. Switched to 3984.74 in mid sentence! Then carrier off on 6165 kHz. (Anker Petersen, DENMARK, direct Oct 14/15/16, BC-DX Oct 16 via DXLD)

3984.84 0330-0340, 19.10, Hrvatski R, Deanovec. Croatian interview, Accordion music, Croatian song 55555 (Anker Petersen, Skovlunde, Denmark, on my AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of an outdoor longwire at 9 metres altitude, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

6165, Voice of Croatia, 0600-0604, Oct 17, three minute English news bulletin. IDs. Schedule. Instrumental music at 0604. Fair. Better on // 9470 - via Germany.

3984.87, Voice of Croatia, 2215-2230, Oct 17, English ìCroatia Todayî program with news, sports, & weather. Local pop music at 2229. Spanish at 2230. Threshold-very weak. Much better on // 9925 - via Germany.

3984.82, Voice of Croatia, 0200-0214, Oct 18, English ìCroatia Todayî program with news, sports, & weather. Poor-weak. Much better on // 9925 - via Germany. (Brian Alexander, PA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CROATIA [non]. V. of Croatia via DTK B-08 finally gets out of the 40m hamband! Frequency to SAm and NAm will be 7375 instead of 7275, with the usual overlap of sites and antennas:

23-04 240 deg 100 kW Wertachtal, Carib, C America and all of S America
00-04 300 deg 100 kW Wertachtal, C&E USA, Maritimes, Labrador
02-06 325 deg 125 kW Nauen to above plus W USA, rest of Canada, except
CIRAF 4 which is most of Ontario, Quebec and Baffin Island!
Surely Toronto & Montreal are Croatian immigration hotbeds

This allows HRT and DTK/M&B to cease pretending that the broadcasts to NAm are really for Iceland, and to SAm really for Au/NZ far beyond, which surely fooled only the most gullible. BUT ñ that leaves all the Croatians in Iceland out in the cold!

Also on 9470: 05-08 240 deg 100 kW Wertachtal, LP C&E Australia, NZ
Also on 11690: 06-10 270 deg 125 kW Wertachtal, LP W&SE Australia, NZ
(Glenn Hauser, OK, Oct 18, WORLD OF RADIO 1431, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. RHC, 6220, UT Wed Oct 15 at 0553, Arnie Coro wrapping up DXUL; very poor signal and fading out. But then, there isn`t supposed to be any signal on this frequency, a leapfrog mixing product of 6060 over 6140. The latter, BTW, still has quite a constant hum on it. Why is that so hard to fix? Maybe it`s not just a patchcord making a bad connexion (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

RHC SNAFUs Oct 15: at 2046 nothing on the scheduled English frequency 13680, but OK on 11760. 13680 still missing at 2117 recheck while 11760 had Mailbag show with ``Ed Newman``.

RHC Arabic missing from 11800 at 2045, but OK on 11750. After 2100 both are supposed to be in Spanish. At 2118, 11800 had reappeared with strong, distorted signal in Spanish, but gone again at 2121, leaving presumed Bulgaria with much weaker signal, while 11750 had the usual heavy SAH from interfering KSDA Chinese during this hour. At 2141, 11800 was on once again, overmodulated, SAH with Bulgaria, M&W talking an echo apart from // 11750.

RHC SNAFU report Oct 17: 17705 transmitter even more out of order than before, at 2330 IS, opening Portuguese; modulation extremely distorted and cutting in and out. With BFO on, I can tell the carrier is not cutting out, altho it is slightly unstable. RHC Portuguese also on much better modulated 13760 but not // --- eventually found 13760 to be running 1 minute and 1 second behind 17705!

After months of colliding with Spain on 11680, RHC has moved to 11690, noted Oct 17 at 2346 in Spanish, an echo apart from // 9600. 11690 suffers the usual RTTY QRM from the lo side, but RHC almost overriding it at the moment. Meanwhile, REE Spain much weaker and audible in the clear on 11680, stronger on // 9535.

This collision lasted 6.5 months, and we have been pointing it out almost as long. Did their frequency manager finally get around to reading old DXLDs? RHC first appeared on 11680 at the beginning of March, and REE started using it at the end of March with the A-08 schedule. REE duly registered it. As an outlaw nation, Cuba does not register any of its frequencies with HFCC, so other stations are on their own when unexpectedly hit by such collisions.

I see that the RHC transmission schedule at http://www.radiohc.cu/espanol/frecuencia/frecuencias-espanol.htm has been updated to show 11690 at 0000-0500 to SAm; close enough? 11680 was also noted previously on air well before 0000. [WORLD OF RADIO 1431]

And 11690 is also shown instead of 11670 for AlÛ Presidente Sundays from 1400 to Caribe {If so, it will collide with HCJB until 1500, and we may forget about Jordan?}. I haven`t checked that yet, listed // 11875, 13680, 13750, 17750, to find out whether RHC is still broadcasting anything now that Ch·vez has supposedly suspended his show until after the late-November elexions. Remind me to do that this Sunday, or please check it yourself.

Back to Oct 17: RHC English on 9550 at 2355 was poor, and also bothered by spurious pulses from the DentroCuban Jamming Command centered on R. MartÌ 9565. These pulses typically extend plus and minus 10 kHz from victim channels, which is completely uncalled-for and a cynical exercise in callousness; and were worst here on 9555 and 9575 MÈdi-Un, but now even reaching into RHC 9550 itself. DentroCubans vs DentroCubans! Serves them right.

SNAFU report Oct 18: tuned in RHC 12000 at 1430 as Tony was giving the last three frequencies in a list, presumably meaning those currently on air, but two of them are not: he said 12000, 9600 and 6000, but as any listener would know, 9600 closes at 1300 and 6000 at 1400. Then Cancionero Iberoamericano, one of their better and less political shows, starting with songs by Milton Nascimento from Minas Gerais (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[and non]. RHC schedule still shows AlÛ Presidente on Sundays starting at 1400, including a changed frequency, 11690 ex-11670. However, a few weeks ago Ch·vez said he was suspending his show until after the late-

November elexions in Venezuela. So what is RHC doing? I checked Oct 19 at 1400 and found nothing from Cuba on the listed A,P frequencies 11690, 11875, 13750 or 17750, but there was a huge carrier and huge hum on 13680, which on other days is used for regular RHC until 1500. Further chex past 1431 still found nothing on the A,P channels, and at 1431, 13680 suddenly switched from the big hum (by wiggling the patchcord?) to RHC // 11760, 12000, 13760 echoing, 15120, 15360, 15370. However, WYFR Spanish is on 11670, and HCJB Spanish on 11690, so it`s just as well Cubazuela is not really using either but will be a problem if and when resumed.

Another problem: at 1401, RHC 13760 was quite weak with some hum, and mixing with a station in French, i.e. V. of Korear, 325 degrees per Aoki, for Europe, and the two were close enough to SAH. Commies vs Commies!

No respite from the DentroCuban Jamming Command this Monday morning, when they normally take a break along with Radio MartÌ; still grinding away on 6030 at 0627 Oct 20; this was a mixture of several sites making a continuous buzz, rather than distinct pulsing from one site. So much for DXing other stations on 6030 once a week. Also was still jamming nothing on 7405. [WORLD OF RADIO 1431]

RHC relents a bit on Sunday nights with more music, less propaganda; UT Monday Oct 20 at 0630, Lina Valverde was opening ``Jazz Place`` show in English to feature Emiliano Salvador, pianista, but talktalktalk before getting to the music. Wonder of wonders, modulation was OK without hum on 6140, and just about identical on all three, 6140, 6060 and 6000, with the last slightly weaker; also audible weakly on mixing product 6220 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. C…SAR ARREDONDO: LA VOZ DE RADIO REBELDE --- (Cubarte).- Si mueves el dial de tu equipo radial y, de momento, escuchas la identificativa voz de este locutor, ahÌ, justo en ese punto, Radio Rebelde, detienes la b˙squeda, pues el di·fano sonido, el claro tono y esa inconfundible ëgarraí, son los que buscabas: has reconocido a uno de los mejores locutores de la radio nacional: CÈsar Manuel Arredondo GutiÈrrez o, simplemente, CÈsar Arredondo, La Voz de Radio Rebelde.

SÌ, esa voz (que identifica a la popular y gustada emisora nacional) surgirÌa a este popular medio en el lejano 1957, m·s de medio siglo locucionando, de los que lleva en la capital ya varias dÈcadas, pues vino de su natal Camag¸ey en 1966. Por tanto y por todo, ahora est· aquÌ este afable y sencillo Premio Nacional de la Radio en entrevista exclusiva para Cubarte. . . [much more]
http://www.cubarte.cult.cu/global/loader.php?cat=actualidad&cont=showitem.php&tabla=entrevista&id=6986&seccion=Cara%20a%20Cara&

tipo=
(via JosÈ Miguel Romero, Spain, dxldyg via DXLD)

** CUBA. Trabaja Radio Cuba para devolver la vitalidad al transmisor de onda media en Artemisa
http://artemisaradioweb.cu/Territoriales/territoriales%201181008.htm
(via JosÈ Miguel Romero, Spain, Oct 18, dxldyg via DXLD) Tower blown down by hurricanes; WTFK?

** CZECHIA. R. Praga, 13580, Oct 20 at 1417 in Spanish, partly translating something from Czech. Almost as good as English an hour earlier. Somehow this transmission had escaped my notice; I see in Aoki they keep changing azimuth on 13580: 1300 English 290, 1330 French 199, 1400 Spanish 245, 1430 Russian 80. In B-08 same pattern will shift one hour later, not including Russian, so English at 1400, French 1430, Spanish 1500 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** DENMARK. Kalundborg 243 kHz --- The obnoxious 1 kHz test tone was today replaced with the 1931-vintage mechanical longwave pause jingle repeated every 30 s, including peak overload distortion and all. All other parameters remain the same until further notice (by Ydun M. Ritz, Denmark, on Mon Oct 20, 2008 1540 U, dxing.info via DXLD) Also had been testing DRM here, lo power; do you mean this was in DRM? (gh)

** DJIBOUTI. 4780, Radio Djibouti, *0301-0325, Oct 17, sign on with short National Anthem followed by opening Arabic announcements. Qur`an at 0303. Arabic talk. Horn of Africa music at 0324. Poor to fair (Brian Alexander, PA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4780, Radio Djibouti (presumed), 0303-0333, Oct 18. First time I have been able to hear this on the West coast! An amazing night for African reception! Chanting (probably reciting from Qur'an), 0312-0331 long non-stop talking by man in what sounded like Arabic, music fanfare and more talking, poor to fair. Back in Dec. 1971, I also heard them on 4780, but from my location on the East coast and QSL'ed ORTF "Station de Djibouti" from the French Territory of the Afars and Issas (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4780, R. Djibouti, 1812-1840 with phone in and hilife music program throughout this time, S10, 42433, FSK on USB (Zacharias Liangas, 18 Oct, THS Greece, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ECUADOR. 12040, HCJB (tentative); 1610, 15 Oct; Spanish religious program with several mentions of Ecuador. SIO=3+53 (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 210' center-fed RW, 85' end-fed RW, 125' bow-tie, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

HCJB is scheduled on 12040 only at 2230-2400 in German! But could be

haywire transmission, as we also heard evening`s 11920 once in the morning. At 1600, only thing supposed to be on 12040 is VOR in French (gh)

** ECUADOR. HCJB`s 4 kW DRM transmission changed schedule Oct. 1, and to continue in B-08: 0830-0930 on 11620-11625-11630 Sun-Thu in Spanish, Fri-Sat in German, 0930-1030 daily in German, all both to Europe at 35 degrees and Au/NZ 225 degrees. Which strangely enough are 10 degrees away from being opposite! And 15-17 on 11700-11705-11710 in Portuguese to Brasil, 110 degrees (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST))

** EGYPT. 7270, Radio Cairo (Abu Zabul). 0235-0250. 10 Oct 08. English. YL with thanks to the listeners in Eastern North America into Middle Eastern music. Its is nice to hear a station that values its listeners on shortwave and still targets NA in English. S9+10/VG (Joe Wood, TN, MARE Tipsheet via DXLD) Look for this on 7535 from next week; see below (gh)

Radio Cairo on 7270 kHz, 0223 UT, Oct. 16; couldn't sleep anymore and tuned in to hear Latino, yes, Latino disco music and ID by YL. (That's what caught my attention) News at 0230 after pips. Interestingly, quiet clear during mx interludes and news, but feature programs are quite muffled. Bad modulation; still it was one of those rare ocassions where most of the broadcast can be made out. 73s (Marty DelfÌn, Madrid, Spain, Oct 18, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EGYPT. 6290, R. Cairo (presumed), 0217 + 0251-0302*, Oct 17, in Arabic, reciting from Qur'an, before ToH anthem followed by bells, fair-poor (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Surprised to hear Arabic on 6290, at the late hour of 0622 Oct 20, M&W dialog, with ute pulse QRM, and quite different modulation from Polisario chanting neighbor on 6300. Surely it`s Cairo, which in A-08 is scheduled on 6290 at 1100-0300 per all online schedules. However, in B-08, 6290 runs from 1900 to 0700, so looks like they have already gone to the new schedule a week early. Was starting to fade down as it`s well after sunrise in Egypt (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EGYPT. R. Cairo tentative B-08 English:
1215-1330 17835
1600-1800 12170
1900-2030 9310
2115-2245 6255 Eu [& NAm]
2300-2430 6850 NAm
0200-0330 7535 NAm

Arabic [partial]
1900-0700 6290 Eu/NAm
0030-0430 6850 NAm

Portuguese 2215-2330 9360
Spanish   0045-0200 7535, 9360, 9915
(Glenn Hauser, Oct 18, WORLD OF RADIO 1431, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EQUATORIAL GUINEA. 6250, Radio Nacional, Malabo, *0524-0540, Oct 17, sign on with Spanish announcement & into hi-life music. Radio Malabo IDs at 0526 & 0530. Fair to good (Brian Alexander, PA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EQUATORIAL GUINEA. 15190, Radio Africa at 1906 Gospel preacher discussing sin, also at 2004 with another preacher. Weak but in the clear Oct. 18 (Harold Sellers, DXing near Parry Sound, Ontario, with Eton E1 on whip antenna, ODXA yg via DXLD)

15190, R. Africa (presumed), 1938-2000, Oct 21, Christian preacher in English and some religious songs, started out very poor, by tune-out was almost fair. Checked at 2117, possibly their open carrier here with no audio (Ron Howard, Monterey, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ETHIOPIA. 6110 - R. Fana, 10-18 0315, long IS over and over, then other instrumental music (Sheryl Paszkiewicz, Manitowoc WI, NASWA yg via DXLD)

** ETHIOPIA. 5950, Voice of Tigray Revolution, *0300-0315, Oct 19, sign on with IS. Opening Amharic announcements at 0301. Horn of Africa music at 0305. Weak under Taiwan via Okeechobee, FL.
No //s heard. (Brian Alexander, PA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ETHIOPIA. 7110, Radio Ethiopia, 1957-2101*, Oct 19, local pop music. News in Amharic at 2000. Back to local pop music at 2003. Some techno-pop music & raggae style music. Closing announcements and National Anthem at 2059. Good. Weak // 5990.27v & 9704.20. (Brian Alexander, PA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ETHIOPIA [non]. Via Samara, Russia, 21555, Ginbot 7 Dimts Radio, *1700-1729*, Oct 18, talk in listed Amharic. Short breaks of local music. Weak but readable. Better on // 17655. Tues, Thur, Sat only (Brian Alexander, PA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Opposition radio B08 frequencies --- The relatively new "Ginbot Sebat [Seven] Radio Dimts" is announcing that it will be on 12120 and 15250 from 28 October (Currently on 17655 and 21555 at 1700-1730 Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.) (Chris Greenway, England, Oct 20, dxldyg via

DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** FRANCE [and non]. I tuned in 13640 [via GUIANA FRENCH] at 1130 UT this morning for my usual dose of 10 minutes of RFI Musique before Meteo Marine. But instead of music, there was news. But not news from RFI. It sounded like a television newscast (including a reference to "as you can see here"). I presume it to have been France 24, the French all-news TV channel. I don't know why RFI would run a France 24 newscast when there was a live RFI newscast available at the same time. I also don't know if this is related to RFI, TV5 and France 24 having been placed in the same organization, or if this is a makeshift substitution. Meteo Marine began as usual at 1140 (Mike Cooper, GA, Oct 21, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

RADIO FRANCE INTERNATIONAL STRIKES AGAINST PUBLIC MEDIA REFORM | Text of report by French state-funded public broadcaster Radio France Internationale on 22 October

Radio France Internationale is on a one-day strike on Wednesday to protest the reform of public media approved by cabinet today. The sweeping reforms, proposed by French President Nicolas Sarkozy one year ago, affect the financing of French public media. All paid advertising in the public media will be eliminated. Source: Radio France Internationale, Paris, in English 0000 gmt 22 Oct 08 (via BBCM via DXLD) So is it just music on SW or something else, transmitters off? (gh, DXLD)

** GERMANY. QSL: 11780, AWR via Wertachtal. Full data (with site). Child with radio earpiece QSL card for a postal report to Indianapolis Address. Both reports in 5/6 months, after posting a e-mail inquiry. v/s: Dr. Adrian P. Peterson, N9GWY, DX Editor.

9430, AWR via Nauen. Full data (with site). Two Oriental Girls and Radio Dials QSL Card. This for Postal report to Indianapolis. Also received pocket calendar and letter opener. Special thanks to Dr. Adrian Peterson for the extra effort on his part for these verification replies (Edward Kusalik, Alberta, CANADA, Oct 19, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY [non]. 11795 with news in American English Oct 15 at 2042, weak and poor with splatter from WHRI 11785. My first guess was VOA, but scheduled as DW English via Rampisham (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

DW English program you've heard was "Money Talks" (Dragan Lekic, Serbia, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY. MEDIA & BROADCAST UPDATE:

IBC Tamil Radio from Oct. 8:
0000-0100 NF 5935 NAU 250 kW / 103 deg to SoAs in Tamil,
ex 7205 WER 250 kW / 105 deg
Brother Stair TOM from Oct. 10
1900-2000 NF 3975 WER 125 kW / non-dir to WeEu in English, additional

DRM TEST:
CVC International tests from Oct. 20 till Oct. 24, 2008:
0900-1600 on 17860 JUL 040 kW / 175 deg to WeAf/Nigeria
73! (Ivo Ivanov, Bulgaria, Oct 15, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Re 3975 above: So much for Magyar R·diÛ via Wertachtal. I'm not surprised at all, this is exactly what I was fearing. For now it could be a test, done as an attempt to sell the airtime, like TDF previously did at its MontsinÈry site.

[Later:] Quick check at 1910: Indeed, R.G. Stair programming is on 3975, featuring recorded listeners calls. In one case the caller sounded quite confused, like urgently needing help. And I mean it this way, not as a sharpened, polemic description.

The only other signal in the 75 mB besides this was the Sines DRM on 3995. And just above the band there was also the Vatican City transmitter active on 4005 (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Oct 16, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY [non]. Tho ruined by Brother Scare on WBCQ, Saturday Oct 18 at 1400 [see SOUTH CAROLINA], the 15420 DW Russian transmission via UK was back in the clear Sunday Oct 19, VG at 1403 check. We can only hope and pray that B.S. on 15420v-CUSB will be limited to Sabbaths.

BTW, WINB which stayed on 9265v past 1400 for B.S. on Sat, was already on 13570v Sunday at 1400 with some other preacher (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See U S A

** GERMANY [non]. Deutsche Welle in GERMAN in B08 (subject to change):
Sendezeit/UTC Frequenz Sendestation Zielgebiet G¸ltig von - bis Tage

[gh removed clutter of days of week and effective dates, unless other than 1234567 and 26 Oct to 28 Mar. He would also like to have removed the clutter of useless meterband indications, leading zeros, but too much trouble; fortunately they already removed all the MW and FM info. The end-time variations originally line up under the first end-time, as do all frequencies even if there is blank space in front of them. DW always spells TRINCOMALEE with one E, even tho a few other sites have more letters in them and are not truncated! Anyone reproducing this version must include these remarks, and the final credit line to DXLD, as this is NOT the way it appeared in WWDXC.]

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0000-0158 07285 TRINCOMALE S˛dasien (41 m)
    -0159 09545 ASCENSION Mittelamerika (31 m)
    -0200 06075 SINES Europa (49 m)
          07120 SINES S˛dasien (41 m)
          09655 KIGALI Mittelamerika (31 m)
          11690 KIGALI Mittelamerika (25 m)
0200-0359 06075 RAMPISHAM S˛deuropa/Nahost (49 m)
    -0400 06075 SINES Europa (49 m)
0400-0559 09735 WOOFFERTON Ost-/S˛dafrika (31 m)
    -0600 06075 SINES Europa (49 m)
          13780 KRASNODAR Ost-/S˛dafrika (22 m)
          17800 TRINCOMALE Ost-/S˛dafrika (16 m)
0500-0559 06075 SKELTON Europa (49 m)
0600-0755 06075 SINES Europa (49 m)
    -0759 09545 WOOFFERTON Europa (31 m)
          09545 WOOFFERTON Westafrika (31 m)
    -0800 06075 WOOFFERTON Europa (49 m)
          12005 KIGALI S˛dafrika (25 m)
          15410 KIGALI Westafrika (19 m)
0800-0958 17520 TRINCOMALE S˛dost AS/Ozeanien (16 m)
    -0959 09545 WOOFFERTON S˛deuropa/Nahost (31 m)
    -1000 06075 WOOFFERTON Europa (49 m)
          09885 BONAIRE Ozeanien (31 m)
          13780 WOOFFERTON S˛deuropa/Nahost (22 m)
1000-1059 09865 CYPRESS CREEK S˛damerika (31 m)
    -1158 15610 TRINCOMALE Ozeanien (19 m)
    -1159 13780 WOOFFERTON S˛deuropa/Nahost (22 m)
    -1200 05905 BONAIRE Nord-/Mittelamerika (49 m)
          06075 WOOFFERTON Europa (49 m)
          09545 SKELTON S˛dwesteuropa (31 m)  6=Friday
1100-1159 17770 ASCENSION S˛damerika (16 m)
1200-1358 15610 TRINCOMALE S˛dasien (19 m)
    -1359 13780 SINES S˛deuropa/Nahost (22 m)
          17630 RAMPISHAM S˛d-/S˛dostasien (16 m)
    -1400 06075 WOOFFERTON Europa (49 m)
          09545 SKELTON S˛dwesteuropa (31 m)  6=Friday
1400-1457 15640 SINES S˛deuropa/Nahost (19 m)
    -1555 15275 KIGALI Nahost/Ostafrika (19 m)
    -1558 13780 TRINCOMALE S˛deuropa/Nahost (22 m)
    -1559 06075 WOOFFERTON Europa (49 m)
          09545 SKELTON S˛dwesteuropa (31 m)  6=Friday
1457-1559 15640 RAMPISHAM S˛deuropa/Nahost (19 m)
1600-1755 12055 TRINCOMALE Ost-/S˛dafrika (25 m)
          12070 KIGALI Nahost/Ostafrika (25 m)
    -1759 06075 WOOFFERTON Europa (49 m)
          06075 WOOFFERTON Europa (49 m)
          09545 RAMPISHAM Ostafrika (31 m)
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          13780 WOOFFERTON S¸deuropa/Nahost (22 m) 01.03.09 -
                                                   28.03.2009
1700-1800 06075 SINES Europa (49 m)
1800-1957 06075 SINES Europa (49 m)
          11725 KIGALI Ost-/S¸dafrika (25 m)
          15440 SINES Ost-/S¸dafrika (19 m)
    -1959 06075 WOOFFERTON Europa (49 m)
          09545 RAMPISHAM Westafrika (31 m)
          12070 WOOFFERTON West-/S¸dafrika (25 m)
2000-2057 11605 KIGALI Europa (25 m)
    -2100 09510 TRINCOMALE S¸dost As/Ozeanien (31 m)
    -2200 06075 DHABAYYA Europa (49 m)
2100-2200 11935 KIGALI S¸dostasien/Ozeanien (25 m)
2200-0000 11690 KIGALI Mittelamerika (25 m)
    -2259 06075 DHABAYYA Europa (49 m)
    -2355 11865 SINES S¸damerika (25 m)
    -2359 09545 DHABAYYA S¸damerika (31 m)
2300-2358 06050 TRINCOMALE S¸dostasien (49 m)
          06075 SINES Europa (49 m)
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[So between 2000 and 2300 Al-Dhabbaya will be used for 6075. Others have tried to use this site on 49 metres for Europe before, with rather mediocre results. So this could become subject of interesting discussions.

And http://forum.mysnip.de/read.php?8773,451822,page=37 includes remarks that 9545 will as of Dec 4 between 1000 and 1600 be used for DRM. Analogue 6=Friday only --- could it be that this means Saturday? If so it could be explained by SBG [silly ballgames].

Both circumstances could result in a notably decreased audibility of DW German in Europe. During daytime 6075 is often unusable (too weak), and concerning Al-Dhabbaya see above. Furthermore using 9545 for DRM means also using it for English instead of German. Concerning this: Kim Elliott dug out a short article summary on the Focus website itself, at
http://www.focus.de/magazin/kurzfassungen/focus-deutsche-welle-will-verstaerkt-auf-englisch-senden_aid_338284.html
-- Kai Ludwig, Germany, Oct 16, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST]

Deutsche Welle (DW) in English (as of October 11th, Subject to change)
Time/UTC Frequency Transmitting Station Target Area Valid from - to

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0000-0057 07265 TRINCOMALE South-East Asia (41 m)
    -0058 09785 TRINCOMALE South-East Asia (31 m)
    -0100 15595 PETROPAVLOVSK East Asia (19 m)
0300-0358 09800 TRINCOMALE South Asia (31 m)
    -0359 13810 DHABAYYA South Asia (22 m)
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0400-0457 05945 SINES West Africa (49 m)
    -0458 15600 TRINCOMALE East & Central Africa (19 m)
    -0459 05905 WOOFFERTON West Africa (49 m)
    -0500 06180 KIGALI East & Central Africa (49 m)
0500-0530 06180 KIGALI East & Central Africa (49 m)
          07285 RAMPISHAM West Africa (41 m)
          09755 KIGALI West Africa (31 m)
          12045 KIGALI Central & South Africa (25 m)
          15600 DHABAYYA East & South Africa (19 m)
0600-0629 05945 WOOFFERTON West Africa (49 m)
          07240 SINES West Africa (41 m)
    -0630 12045 KIGALI West Africa (25 m)
0900-1000 17710 TRINCOMALE East Asia (16 m)
          21840 TRINCOMALE East Asia (13 m)
1600-1658 05965 TRINCOMALE South Asia (49 m)
          09560 TRINCOMALE South Asia (31 m)
    -1700 09560 TRINCOMALE East Asia (31 m)
1900-1929 11690 MEYERTON East & Central Africa (25 m)
    -1930 09735 KIGALI East & South Africa (31 m)
          13780 TRINCOMALE East & South Africa (22 m)
          15275 SINES East & Central Africa (19 m)
2000-2057 09735 KIGALI East & Central Africa (31 m)
    -2058 13780 TRINCOMALE Central & South Africa (22 m)
    -2059 09545 WOOFFERTON West Africa (31 m)
          15275 DHABAYYA East & South Africa (19 m)
2100-2157 13780 TRINCOMALE West Africa (22 m)
    -2159 07280 SINES West Africa (41 m)
    -2200 09545 TRINCOMALE West Africa (31 m)
          11690 KIGALI West Africa (25 m)

Deutsche Welle (DW) - Other languages:
Time/UTC Frequency Transmitting Station Target Area

AMHARIC
1400-1457 11645 KIGALI East & Central Africa (25 m)
    -1458 15620 TRINCOMALE East & Central Africa (19 m)
ARABIC
0400-0429 06035 SKELTON Middle East (49 m)
          07415 RAMPISHAM Middle East (41 m) [watch out, WBCQ on late]
    -0430 09820 KIGALI Middle East (31 m)
0430-0457 09755 KIGALI Middle East (31 m)
    -0459 06035 RAMPISHAM Middle East (49 m)
          06135 SKELTON Middle East (49 m)
1800-1858 13780 TRINCOMALE Middle East (22 m)
    -1900 07280 WOOFFERTON Middle East (41 m)  26.10.08 - 28.02.09
          07280 WOOFFERTON Middle East (41 m)  26.10.08 - 28.02.09
          11605 TRINCOMALE Middle East (25 m)
          11925 KIGALI Middle East (25 m)      26.10.08 - 28.02.09
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          11925 WOOFFERTON Middle East (25 m)  01.03.09 - 28.03.2009
          11925 WOOFFERTON Middle East (25 m)  01.03.09 - 28.03.2009
          13790 KIGALI Middle East (22 m)      01.03.09 - 28.03.2009
1900-1957 11925 KIGALI Middle East (25 m)      26.10.08 - 28.02.09
          13790 KIGALI Middle East (22 m)      01.03.09 - 28.03.2009
    -1958 11605 TRINCOMALE Middle East (25 m)
    -1959 07280 WOOFFERTON Middle East (41 m)  26.10.08 - 28.02.09
          07280 WOOFFERTON Middle East (41 m)  26.10.08 - 28.02.09
          11925 WOOFFERTON Middle East (25 m)  01.03.09 - 28.03.2009
          11925 WOOFFERTON Middle East (25 m)  01.03.09 - 28.03.2009
2000-2100 05905 SINES Middle East (49 m)
          06130 SKELTON North Africa (49 m)
          09495 TRINCOMALE North Africa (31 m)
          13790 KIGALI Middle East (22 m)
2100-2157 05905 SINES Middle East (49 m)
          09495 TRINCOMALE North Africa (31 m)
          13790 KIGALI Middle East (22 m)
    -2159 06130 SKELTON North Africa (49 m)
BELORUSSIAN
0500-0530 15205 DHABAYYA Europe (19 m) 23456 = Mon-Fri
BENGALI
0100-0130 09850 TCHITA South Asia (31 m)
          11820 KRANJI South Asia (25 m)
1530-1558 09650 TRINCOMALE South Asia (31 m)
          11995 TRINCOMALE South Asia (25 m)
CHINESE
1030-1150 12010 KRANJI China (25 m)
          13680 TRINCOMALE China (22 m)
          15640 TRINCOMALE China (19 m)
1300-1328 13735 TRINCOMALE China (22 m)
    -1330 06130 NOVOSIBIRSK China (49 m)
          09650 KRANJI China (31 m)
          11945 TRINCOMALE China (25 m)
2300-2350 09865 KRANJI China (31 m)
          11830 PETROPAVLOVSK China (25 m)
DARI
0830-0858 15640 TRINCOMALE Middle East (19 m)
    -0859 11820 DHABAYYA Middle East (25 m)
1330-1400 09380 EREVAN South Asia (31 m)
          12090 TRINCOMALE Middle East (25 m)
FRENCH
1200-1257 15410 KIGALI East & South Africa (19 m)
    -1259 15440 RAMPISHAM North Africa (19 m)
          17520 WOOFFERTON West Africa (16 m)
          21780 DHABAYYA West & South Africa (13 m)
    -1300 17800 KIGALI West & South Africa (16 m)
1600-1657 11795 KIGALI East Africa (25 m)
          17800 SINES West Africa (16 m)
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    -1659 12035 RAMPISHAM West Africa (25 m)
          15275 RAMPISHAM West Africa (19 m)
    -1700 09535 KIGALI East & Central Africa (31 m)
1700-1757 09535 KIGALI East & Central Africa (31 m)
          13790 SINES East & South Africa (22 m)
    -1759 09735 WOOFFERTON West Africa (31 m)
          12035 WOOFFERTON West Africa (25 m)
    -1800 15275 KIGALI West Africa (19 m)
HAUSA
0630-0659 05945 SINES West Africa (49 m)
          07240 WOOFFERTON West Africa (41 m)
    -0700 12045 KIGALI West Africa (25 m)
1300-1357 15440 KIGALI West & South Africa (19 m)
    -1400 17800 KIGALI West & South Africa (16 m)
          21780 SINES West & South Africa (13 m)
1800-1857 09430 SINES West Africa (31 m)
          11690 KIGALI West & South Africa (25 m)
    -1900 15275 KIGALI West Africa (19 m)
HINDI
0130-0159 11820 KRANJI South Asia (25 m)
    -0200 09850 TCHITA South Asia (31 m)
          09880 KIGALI South Asia (31 m)
1500-1530 09650 TRINCOMALE South Asia (31 m)
          11995 TRINCOMALE South Asia (25 m)
INDONESIAN
1200-1258 09655 TRINCOMALE South-East Asia (31 m)
          15640 TRINCOMALE South-East Asia (19 m)
2200-2258 06000 TRINCOMALE South-East Asia (49 m)
    -2300 07380 TALATA VO. South-East Asia (41 m)
          09720 KIGALI South-East Asia (31 m)
PASHTO
0800-0830 11820 DHABAYYA Middle East (25 m)
          15640 TRINCOMALE Middle East (19 m)
1400-1430 12090 TRINCOMALE ME (25 m)
PERSIAN
0330-0400 05965 KRASNODAR Middle East (49 m)
          09820 KIGALI Middle East (31 m)
1830-1900 05910 KRASNODAR Middle East (49 m)
          05925 NOVOSIBIRSK Middle East (49 m)
PORTUGUESE
0530-0557 12045 KIGALI Central & South Africa (25 m)
    -0559 15600 DHABAYYA East & South Africa (19 m)
1930-1957 15275 SINES East & Central Africa (19 m)
    -1958 13780 TRINCOMALE East & South Africa (22 m)
    -2000 09735 KIGALI East & South Africa (31 m)
RUSSIAN
0100-0158 15640 TRINCOMALE CIS (19 m)
          17700 TRINCOMALE CIS (16 m)
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    -0159 05925 RAMPISHAM CIS (49 m)
0200-0300 05905 RAMPISHAM Central Asia (49 m)
          15640 TRINCOMALE Central Asia (19 m)
0300-0359 05905 RAMPISHAM Central Asia (49 m)
    -0400 15640 TRINCOMALE Central Asia (19 m)
0400-0457 12025 KIGALI Central Asia (25 m)
    -0458 15640 TRINCOMALE CIS (19 m)
0500-0600 05915 RAMPISHAM CIS (49 m)
          15640 KIGALI CIS (19 m)
          17700 TRINCOMALE CIS (16 m)
0600-0627 15640 KIGALI CIS (19 m)
    -0629 05915 RAMPISHAM CIS (49 m)
1500-1557 15620 SINES CIS (19 m)
    -1559 09715 DHABAYYA CIS (31 m)
          11720 RAMPISHAM CIS (25 m)
1600-1659 07145 DHABAYYA CIS (41 m)
          09715 RAMPISHAM CIS (31 m)
          12080 SINES CIS (25 m)
1700-1800 07145 WOOFFERTON CIS (41 m)
          07145 WOOFFERTON CIS (41 m)
          09715 TRINCOMALE CIS (31 m)
1800-1900 05980 DHABAYYA CIS (49 m)
          07145 WOOFFERTON CIS (41 m)
          07145 WOOFFERTON CIS (41 m)
          09715 TRINCOMALE CIS (31 m)
1900-1958 09715 TRINCOMALE CIS (31 m)
    -1959 05980 DHABAYYA CIS (49 m)
          07145 WOOFFERTON CIS (41 m)
    -2000 07145 WOOFFERTON CIS (41 m)
2000-2057 07145 SINES CIS (41 m)
    -2059 06180 RAMPISHAM CIS (49 m)
SWAHILI
0300-0357 09565 SINES East & South Africa (31 m)
    -0400 06180 KIGALI East & South Africa (49 m)
          15600 TRINCOMALE East & South Africa (19 m)
1000-1100 09800 KIGALI East & South Africa (31 m)
          12045 KIGALI East & South Africa (25 m)
          15410 KIGALI East & South Africa (19 m)
          21780 SINES East & South Africa (13 m)
1500-1557 07300 KIGALI East & South Africa (41 m)
          09800 KIGALI East & South Africa (31 m)
          11645 KIGALI East & South Africa (25 m)
    -1559 17800 DHABAYYA East & South Africa (16 m)
URDU
0200-0230 09850 TRINCOMALE South Asia (31 m)
          17800 KRANJI South Asia (16 m)
1430-1458 12090 TRINCOMALE South Asia (25 m)
1700-1730 09495 SINES Middle East (31 m)
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11695 TRINCOMALE Middle East (25 m)

For further information please turn directly to:
DEUTSCHE WELLE, Customer Service, 53110 Bonn, Germany
Tel.: +49.228.429-4000, e-mail: <info @ dw-world.de> (Oct WWDXC DX Magazine, as edited by Glenn Hauser for DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Re previous link to DW`s B-08 English schedule:
http://www.dw-world.de/popups/popup_pdf/0,,3311204,00.pdf

PopUps change from day to day, see the Oct-16th links: Did you see ? - new : http://www.dw-world.de/dw/article/0,2144,1777509,00.html

German: http://www.dw-world.de/popups/popup_pdf/0,,3332650,00.pdf

English: http://www.dw-world.de/popups/popup_pdf/0,,3332647,00.pdf

Foreign Languages:
http://www.dw-world.de/popups/popup_pdf/0,,3332645,00.pdf
(Wolfgang B¸schel, BC-DX Oct 16 via DXLD)

The original English pdf link is dated 2 October and is still there; but the second one is dated 16 Oct and could be different, but not regarding the frequencies I mentioned (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

DWL DRM. I see nothing about DRM mode on 9545 in all papers.
DRM daytime [except 7-16 UT] SKN 3955, and night 2200-0556 via SIN.

02-03 TIN 15785
07-08 SIN 6130
08-09 TRI 12005
08-12 SIN 13810
12-14 SIN 15725
14-16 SIN 13590 (Wolfgang B¸schel, Oct 16, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[Later:] New common BBC-DWL program to be forced into AM registered 9545 kHz channel? As from Dec 4th, 2008.

Yes, the new DWL POP-UP of this afternoon under the URL DRM:
http://www.dw-world.de/popups/popup_pdf/0,,3332650,00.pdf

shows a new entry, to CUT-OUT DWL German 9545 kHz via Skelton from normal program at 1000-1600 UT, and seemingly force into new common BBC-DWL English program, which announced recently also in DX press.

I wonder - such a terrible jammer signal to put midst on the 31 mb in our winter afternoons - ... crazy behaviour. And the German speaking DWL audience on Iberian Penisnsula and Canary Islands are forced to

erect their Internet stream LAN radio in future or listen via Hotbird / Astra satellites to the German domestic public radio ARD stations instead.

What a crazy decision - to use 9545 for DRM. IF there is to be a new DRM service surely it should not be at the expense of taking a frequency away from the DW. Another jammer to put up with in the middle of a broadcast band. And who will be listening - or able to listen I wonder?

DWL German program will be dead in 2011?

The guys at DWL broadcasting house held this matter SECRET and vailed their plans, - same behaviour read in FOCUS Magazine recently about very secret plans of the chief manager.

Skelton had no DRM unit at their disposal in the past, only Woofferton and Rampisham had such modulators installed. Supposed to be, so VTC will purchase a new DRM modulator unit and erect at Skelton Cumbria site, latter which will be ready on December 4th.

16.10.08 DW-RADIO DRM Subject to change. Valid 26.10.08-28.03.2009 uos

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0200-0230 01548 TRINCOMALE 1234567 South Asia
    -0258 15785 TRINCOMALE 1234567 East Asia
0230-0259 01548 TRINCOMALE 1234567 South Asia
0500-0559 03995 SINES      1234567 Europe
0600-0700 03995 SKELTON    1234567 Europe
0700-0800 06130 SINES      1     7 Europe
    -0743*06130 SINES       23456  Europe
0800-0858 12005 TRINCOMALE 1234567 South Asia
0803-0900 13810 SINES      1234567 Europe
0900-1000 13810 SINES      1234567 Europe
1000-1559 09545 SKELTON    1234567 So-We Europe 04.12.08-28.03.2009
    -1100 13810 SINES      1234567 Europe
1100-1159 13810 SINES      1234567 Europe
1200-1300 15725 SINES      1234567 Europe
1300-1359 15725 SINES      1234567 Europe
1400-1500 13590 SINES      1234567 Europe
1500-1557 13590 SINES      1234567 Europe
1600-1700 03995 SKELTON    1234567 Europe
1700-1759 03995 SKELTON    1234567 Europe
1800-1900 03995 SKELTON    1234567 Europe
1900-2000 03995 SKELTON    1234567 Europe
2000-2100 03995 SKELTON         67 Europe
2100-2200 03995 SKELTON         67 Europe
2200-2300 03995 SINES      1234567 Europe
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e-mail: info @ dw-world.de (DWL Updated Oct 16th, 1100 UT)

* 6130 SIN unit will be move to RDP Sines Mon-Fri service at 0745 UT. [11660 0745-0900 28 SIN 250kW 55 degrees]

DWL AM mode transmission towards Europe at 2000-2300 will result in some dead zone reception, like 6075 kHz signal from UAE is always too poor in EUR, except in GRC, ROU and BUL Balkan target; and U.K. outlet like Rampisham 9545 kHz covers only the 2000-2100 UT slot. So interested parties should listen to DWL German program now on Internet stream in 2000-2300 slot (Wolfgang B¸schel, BC-DX Oct 16 via DXLD)

** GERMANY [and non]. "EUROPE'S FIRST MULTI-CULTURAL RADIO STATION TO CLOSE" The Earth Times, By: DPA, 22 October 2008, Berlin

[SW angle: Multikulti was source for some DW programs, Romany IIRC gh]

It was Europe's first multi-cultural radio station and was given a flamboyant launch in 1994, with more than 2,000 guests swaying to African and Balkan music at its inaugural bash in Berlin's Congress Hall. Transmitting in 21 languages, Radio Multikulti was aimed primarily at the capital's 430,000-strong foreign community. Its programme planners hoped it would help bring about better integration of foreigners in the city and create more respect for immigrant cultures.

"We want to find an audience which is curious, eager to lean towards something else, and learn something in the process," the station's music director Johannes Theurer said when it was launched.

"Music from many countries will play an important role. There might be West African followed by Russian, Brazilian and Australian numbers, so in one hour we will be moving right around the world."

The idea sounded fine. But down the years, Radio Multikulti never achieved the big audience it dreamed of. Less than 30,000 people tuned in to its programmes on a daily basis.

Still, it was a stunning blow this summer when Radio Multikulti's parent sender, Radio Berlin-Brandenburg (RBB), abruptly announced it was axing the station at the end of this year.

The problem is money. With an annual budget of more than 300 million euros (403 million dollars), RBB produces seven radio channels and one TV channel. A deficit of 54 million euros is forecast over the next four years. Closing Radio Multikulti will save an estimated 12-15 million, say RBB executives.

Some 20,000 people have signed a protest petition handed to Berlin mayor Klaus Wowereit. Politicians of all parties are among those who have criticized the decision to close the station.

But Ralph Kotsch, the broadcaster's press spokesman, insists the RBB is not about to reverse its decision. Maria Boehmer, government commissioner for migration, refugees and integration said shutting down the station meant the public broadcaster could no longer justify its claim of reflecting integration and cultural diversity.

Turkish and Jewish community leaders also slammed the decision, as did trade unionists, the president of the city's Academy of Arts and a host of other organizations.

The news of the station's "unplugging" caused a commotion among loyal listeners. A "Friends of Radio Multikulti" organisation was set up campaigning for the station to be kept on air. In the summer weeks you could even buy "Radio Multikulti-Must- Stay" ice-cream at eight different stalls in the city.

Co-founder Florian Schubert says he's been listening to the station since it was inaugurated. "Radio Multikulti is the only one that caters to the 25 per cent of Berliners of immigrant extraction," he argues.

Schubert claimed that by transmitting in different languages, the station was helping to build vital bridges between German culture and the minority immigrant cultures in Berlin.

Initially Radio Multikulti was centred in the Congress Hall in Berlin-Tiergarten, now called the House of World Cultures, but later it transferred its operations to the Haus des Rundfunks or House of Radio in the city's Charlottenburg district.

In the months following its launch, it served 18 minorities in Berlin in their mother tongues while broadcasting in German.

In a curious twist, Runkhaus [sic ñ is there such a word rather than Funkhaus? gh] Europa, a Cologne-based world music radio station created in 1998 on the model of Radio Multikulti, is to be transmitted in Berlin from January 1 next year on the frequency currently used by the station that inspired it.

http://www.earthtimes.org/articles/show/238014,europes-first-multi-cultural-radio-station-to-close--feature.html

The article ignores Spectrum Radio in London. This from Spectrum's website:

"Spectrum Radio is your portal to the multi-ethnic Britain of the 21st century. There's nothing else like it. Spectrum Radio is unique. It's the only station in Europe that broadcasts to a multi-ethnic audience.

Spectrum Radio started broadcasting nearly 20 years ago. Originally with a remit to serve six communities it was just on 558AM and just served Greater London. The city has changed and Spectrum has changed with it. Today the station is at the forefront of the media in the multi-ethnic Britain of the 21st Century. Meet some of the people behind the brand.

Those six communities have grown into twenty two and Spectrum's put itself at the cutting edge of technology. Back in the 80's we started off just broadcasting on 558 AM across London. In the 90's we became one of the pioneers of DAB and Sky Radio taking our voice to ethnic communities across Britain and Western Europe. Now we also broadcast across the world via the internet. We also offer podcasts, downloads, the ability to listen again to shows and sms messaging.

Modern Britain is all about diversity.
Spectrum Radio is all about diversity.
That's why everything we do is guided by this simple belief:."
http://www.spectrumradio.net/our_story.phtml
(via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

** GERMANY [non non]. BBC/RFI Saxonia: Over and out on Oct 31

``Now it remains to be seen what will happen in Saxonia, provided that the S%chsische Zeitung report was correct.``

Insiders say that it of course was correct, but Technisat withdrew from purchasing BBC Radiocom Deutschland GmbH before the sale had been completed.

So the relays of BBC and RFI in Saxonia will continue without changes for the time being. It remains to be seen what will happen later. Either BBC and RFI will keep their direct commitments to Saxonia, will seek for another buyer/partner or simply pull the plug.

And they choose the last option: RFI will stop sending out modulation to the Leipzig, Chemnitz, Dresden and Pirna transmitters on Oct 31 at local midnight (2300 UT), as pointed out at
http://kimelli.nfshost.com/index.php?id=5026

The "thank you and please stay tuned online or via Astra" from RFI's German service is here:
http://www.rfi.fr/actude/articles/106/article_671.asp

This does not appear to be an official statement (i.e. something issued by the press / "communications" department), and I do not expect any such messages at all, neither from RFI nor from the BBC. (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Oct 16, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GREECE. Harmonics: Radio "Okto" or similar s/on at 1650 UT, on 1725 kHz but stronger signal is on 3450 kHz. At 1545 UT s/on of another Greek pirate on 1685 and 3370.5 kHz. At and after 1345 a super strong Greek pirate is daily on 4859 without any signal on fundamental (Oct 7). (Rumen Pankov, Bulgaria, Oct 12, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Oct 16 via DXLD)

** GREECE. QSL: RS Macedonia. 7430. 25 July 2003. Received a f/d folder, sticker and post card in 5 years, 2 months, 10 days for an English report. V/S Tatiana Tsioli. Station addy: ERT S.A., Subdirection of Technical Support, PB 11312, 541 10 Thessalonika, Greece (Joe Wood, TN, MARE Tipsheet via DXLD) No follow-ups? (gh)

** GREECE. 12105, Foni Tis Helladas (tentative); 1600-1610+, 15-Oct; M&W alternating (news) to bumper at 1605+, then W with commentary and remotes; mentioned Athens; all in Greek. SIO=232+, need USB to take out strong tone (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 210' center-fed RW, 85' end-fed RW, 125' bow-tie, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

ERT has not used this frequency for a long time, but is one of many wooden registrations, at 12-20, 250 kW, 355 degrees from Avlis. Possibly activated without notice, if this was really in Greek. EiBi and Aoki do not show ERT now on 12105, but instead: VOA in Georgian via Lampertheim at 1600-1630, 100 kW at 75 degrees since August 8 (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GREENLAND. Hi . E-mail confirm 30 days, from OZN-372 kHz Prins Christian Sund. See beautiful picture from GREENLAND [not attached]. Ciaoooooooooooooo! ! and GOOD DX!!!!!!!!!! !!!!! (Mauro Giroletti, Italy, Oct 22, bclnews.it yg via DXLD) Viz.:

Dear sir. Thanks for your letter concerning our NDB OZN. The beacon is used flight navigation and is placed at the east side off south Greenland where the sound Prins Christian Sund is crossing the land. The beacon is part of different communication system placed at the station which is placed 80 km from the nearest city and served by helicopter once a month. There is 4 people and 3 dogs at the station. A picture off the beacon antenna mast and house is inserted. Sorry but we dont have QSL card. Regard from (Poul Erik Hansen, Prins Christian Sund telestation, Oct 20, via Giroletti, ibid.)

** GRENADA [and non]. Pat in France reported hearing BBC News at 0500

on 1400 kHz ñ what is it?

Regarding possible Grenada on 1400 kHz, I wouldn't trust the WRTH schedule info. It often only lists the schedule for local programming on these Caribbean stations. For example 540 GBN Grenada relays the BBC all night even though the WRTH lists 0900-0200 hours. So I wouldn't take Grenada out of consideration. The CBC does include BBC programs overnight, but the top of the hour CBC news has a distinct fanfare that should've been easily recognized. Another possibility might be WAMC Albany, New York, an NPR affiliate that relays BBC overnight (Bruce Conti - Nashua NH, mwdx yg via DXLD)

Then try this: http://www.harbourlightradio.org/schedule.htm : it specifically says that AM 1400 goes off 2235 local time, i.e. 0235 UT and if they had been on for some reason they would have played concert music acc. to http://www.harbourlightradio.org/fmnight.htm 73, (Mauno Ritola, Finland, ibid.)

** HAWAII [and non]. KWHR gone yet? KWHR is about to be closed down, if not already. B-08 FCC schedules have no listings for it, so presumably the transition of all its broadcasts to T8WH Palau is expected to be complete in one week. You would be hard-pressed to find anything about Palau on the WHR website, still listing Angels 3 and 4 as Hawaii. Perhaps they can`t figure out how to renumber their Angels with several transmitters on Palau, just how many? WRTH 2008 says 4 x 100 when it was owned by High Adventure Ministries (Glenn Hauser, OK, Oct 18, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) see also PALAU

** HONDURAS. 3250.04, HRPC, Radio Luz y Vida; 0256-0302+, 15-Oct; Lite religious music; M with ID just before ToH; all in Spanish. SIO=352 (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 210' center-fed RW, 85' end-fed RW, 125' bow-tie, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

3250.00, Radio Luz y Vida, San Luis *1100, 20 October, with Christian music; 2319 on 19 October (Bob Wilkner, Pompano Beach, South Florida, Mosquito Coast DX News, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** HONDURAS. 3340, HRMI (Tegucigalpa). 0508-0528. 11 Oct 08. Spanish/English. Familiar format with OM preaching in English, and YL providing phrase-by-phrase Spanish translation. It sounded like she was working from a script. Mentions of the Books of John, Philippians, Psalms, and Hebrews. Fair (Joe Wood, TN, MARE Tipsheet via DXLD)

** HONG KONG [and non]. I just found this: the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club race started 15 October and ends 20 October. The Sailing Instructions list Radio Communications on 4060 kHz SSB with 2638 backup. Position report times are 0803 and 1803. I assume that's local time [UT +8]. http://www.rhkyc.org.hk

(Martin Foltz, So Cal USA, (via UDXF Yahoo Group), via Steve Lare, Holland, MI, USA, Oct 18, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

So once again apparently nothing that could be construed as a broadcast, former weather info from base in HK itself (gh, DXLD)

** HUNGARY. Never mind the relays via DTK Wertachtal for B-08; as of Oct 20 removed from frequency planning (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. 4810, AIR Bhopal heard in Hindi at 1708 on 15 Oct. until 1742 s/off, with the longest piece of music I have heard since Kraftwerk's Autobahn and Alice's Restaurant. The piece of music was playing when I tuned in at 1708 and was finally over at 1729! Fair signals and no QRM. Why do these regional Indian stations sign off at 1742? Seems like an odd time.

19 Oct was just a good night for Indian stations, so I decided to pick the roses before they faded away:

4760, AIR Leh, heard at 1507 on 19 Oct. with good quality signals, but deep fading. Heard several telephone interviews, some traditional music and caught a full station ID at 1530. I was SO hoping this was Port Blair on the same frequency, but I guess that will take some more hard core DXing!

4895, AIR Kurseong, heard at 1338 on Oct. 19th with strong signals but deep and fluttery fading with station IDs, news and commentary and subcontinental music.

4950, AIR Srinagar, heard at 1326 on Oct. 19th, with surprisingly weak signals for 50 kW and the closeness compared to other AIR stations being heard. Possible antenna orientation or terrain issues. Heard with IDs, excited talk, call-in show and pieces of music in between features. Signal became entirely useless at 1344.

9870, AIR Bengaluru (Bangalore) heard at 1725 on 20 Oct. with subcontinental music, station IDs and not much else between songs until s/off at 1740. Site is also known as Vividh Bharati, and address includes the line: Super Power Transmitters! Listed as 500 kW. Good signal but with some deep fading (Al Muick, Kabul, Afghanistan, WinRadio G303e, 100m longwire, HCDX via DXLD)

Vividh Bharati is not the site name, but the name of the program/network, as discussed here months ago (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** INDONESIA. 3205, RRI Bandung, nice full-data letter from H. Bochri Rachman, in one month for follow-up reports of reception on Jun 22,

1975 and Apr 06, 1976; Indonesian stamps provided and used. Not bad for a 32-33 year delay from initial report, and at least 10 follow-ups (Dan Henderson, Laurel MD, DXplorer via DSWCI DX Window Oct 15 via DXLD)

RRI stations on Java. Here I found some photographs taken at RRI regional stations: http://www.qsl.net/yb0rmi/rri.htm
(Harald Kuhl, Germany, DXplorer Oct 15 via BC-DX via DXLD)

** INDONESIA. 3987.05, RRI Manokwari 1228-1315 Oct 14. Out of Jak news at 1228; long phone chat/interview with gal to 1300, then another Jak program. Good with 3985 splatter. (Wilkins-CO)

3995.03, RRI Kendari not heard all week in the 12-14 UT time frame (John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge, Colorado. Drake R-8, 100-foot RW, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

** INDONESIA [and non]. VOI is back on 9526 kHz for the local evening broadcasts, morning here. On Oct 13 and 14 it was still on 11786, but Oct 15 at 1216 tell-tale het with something on 9525, Suara Indonesia ID heard immediately during the 1200 hour in Indonesian. At 1229 checked 11785 area and detected nothing on 11786, but there were very weak carriers on 11785.0 and another one slightly below, which could be Brasil rather than Indonesia. After 1246 mostly songs on 9526.

Anyhow, this puts English at 1300-1400 back on a good clear frequency, long may it last. Around July 26 it had switched from 9526 to 11785v; see DXLD 8-085. 1259 Oct 15 ending Indonesian hour, gave website. 9525 het went off at 1300 sharp.

That was presumably Poland in English from 1200, via Wertachtal at 300 degrees. So that`s the downside of VOI going back to 9526, especially for listeners in ENAm, but Poland has not been listenable here anyway all summer. However, in B-08 Poland goes back to 9450 via Wertachtal [not Nauen as in original version] an hour later in English at 1300-1400, // Nauen 7325.

1300 VOI with one more Indo ID, website, 1301:30 opening English with good signal, http://www.voi.co.id plugged, and as always does not attempt to announce one correct frequency but all the possibilities: 9525 [sic], 11785 [sic] and 15150. 9526 has a continuous lite hum on it but not too annoying. More annoying is the almost continuous musical bed under the talk, impeding intelligibility; what a crutch, but VOI is hardly the only station afraid to talk straight. The YL announcer`s accent does not help, either.

But in honor of the QSY, I listened to most of the hour. After program summary including Today in History and Indonesian Wonders, 1303 into

news. 1320 Today in History about Anwar Sadat; 1322 ID with slogan ``voice of dignity`` --- what`s this dignity business, implying other stations do not have it? Then commentary about World Wildlife Fund. 1324, VOI, ``keeping dignity alive``! Thank God for VOI promoting dignity. And news headlines.

1327 contact addresses, VOI, P O Box 1157, Jakarta 10110 and english @ voi.co.id Better put INDONESIA in big letters, lest your letter go to US ZIP 10110, which of course is in New York City. I see that WRTH 2008 does not show the postal code.

1328, Indonesian Wonders; 1334 Let`s Speak Bahasa Indonesia, which on Wednesdays is about grammar, this time explaining active vs passive voice, and transitive active vs intransitive active. 1339 Music Corner, songs of the 1980s. 1353 addresses again.

1357 as always happens, hit by big het from CRI warming up 9525 for Russian service at 1400. This is at 37 degrees from Shijiazhuang site, which means it`s aimed not only at DV Russia but also at NAm.

For second morning in a row, VOI English at 1300 on 9526, and very good reception Oct 16. Tuned in around 1325 after Turkey, with usual string of features, news headlines, Indonesian Wonders, Miscellany, music from a Sumateran instrument (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9525.88, Voice of Indonesia, 1504-1513*, Oct 16, Thanks to Glenn's tip heard here in English with the news, good reception, off in mid-sentence, almost made it through to the end of the news (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

VOI service towards ME and EUR is still on 11785.88 kHz at 1600-2100 UT slot (Wolfgang B¸schel, Oct 16, BC-DX via DXLD)

Yes, VOI 0800-1505/1506/1513varying UT on 9525.89 at 1405 UT, S=5-6 poor in Europe. 1600-2100 UT on 11785.87 at 1748 UT, S=5-6 poor in Europe. Oct 17th (Wolfgang B¸schel, Stuttgart, Germany, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

VOI still on 9526 for the third day in a row, Oct 17 after 1300 in English, and good reception again. Advise everyone in NAm to enjoy it while they can, as you never know when they will move again back to 11785-11786. I see that 9526 first appeared Oct 30, 2007, after a spell on 9525 (or slightly below). 9526 was also in use until late July this year, but English time change from 1400 to 1300 was not until early July, so before then English had the China 9525 clash at 1400, and in summer 9526 reception was not so good at 1300 even if clear of QRM (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9525, Voice of Indonesia, 1003-1015 Oct 18. A welcomed return to this frequency (9525.00 kHz). At tune in, noted a few minutes of World News. This was presented by a female in the English Language. At about 1007, she gives ID as, "you are listening to ... from the Voice of Indonesia". At 1016, canned promos and ID ending the news. Although the program was in the English language, there just wasn't enough fidelity with the signal to get any type of copy. At 1024 the female gives ID and URL for VOI. The signal was poor with a lot of fading type noise during the period.

Note: Checked back at 1055 and found that they had moved up to 9525.95 vice 9525 KHz which they were using at 1000 UT. This caused me to wonder what was the reason? Was the shift due to a malfunction or were they trying to get away from interference? At 1100 Romania takes over 9525 with their strong signal. I can still hear Indonesia, but only weakly (Chuck Bolland, Clewiston, Florida, NRD545, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

VOI still on 9526 in English at 1330 check Oct 18. Day number 4 and counting (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9526, VOI, 1350 with rock songs and 1425 S4 mean level, 32432 (Zacharias Liangas, 18 Oct, THS Greece, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9525.88 kHz, 1457 UT 18-10.mp3 --- Glenn, good and strong Indonesia to S=9, at 1500 UT Sign-off. Program in German. Nice weekend (Maurits Van Driessche, Belgium, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Yes, one or two words sound like German, maybe more obvious to an European, but supposed to be in Malay until 1500 (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

11785, Voice of Indonesia at 2008 tune-in, playing gamelan music which continued non-stop to past 2031 when I tuned away. I was looking for their English programming. Good Oct. 18 (Harold Sellers, DXing near Parry Sound, Ontario, with Eton E1 on whip antenna, ODXA yg via DXLD)

Just time to catch the end of the VOI English broadcast on Sunday Oct 19, so it`s day 5 still on 9526, mentioning ``dignity`` at 1356, and het from China starting at 1357 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9526, VOI, 1359, 10/19/08. Good carrier but very low modulation. Announcements and theme music at TOH into listed Malaysian (Jerry Strawman, Des Moines, IA, JRC NRD-545, Alpha Delta SWL Sloper, Wellrook 330S 1.1 Meter Loop, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

VOI, Day 6 on 9526, Oct 20 at 1302 opening English late; previous hour in Indonesian had usual het from 9525, presumed Poland/Wertachtal, but the het stayed on! VOI was still atop, but should be nothing else during the English hour. 9525 signal also had some modulation but could not separate it. Hope it`s not a precursor of something unexpected in B-08. Another possibility: VOI QRMing itself with a second transmitter on air at same time. By 1342 the het from 9525 was gone, but VOI still hummy during music (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11786, VoI, heard in Indonesian at 1638 on 20 Oct. with really beautiful south seas music and DJ patter. Into Arabic program at 1700. EiBi lists both programs an hour earlier. May be a change in schedule. Banging signal here but got progressively worse after 1720 (Al Muick, Kabul, Afghanistan, WinRadio G303e, 100m longwire, HCDX via DXLD)

VOI, day 7 on 9526, Oct 21 at 1332 with Indonesian Wonder show about the hitting-the-broom tradition in central Maluku; 1337 Let`s Speak Bahasa Indonesia Thru Song. Continued good reception.

Also day 8, Oct 22 at 1322 with commentary on the impact of the global economic crisis on Indonesian insurance companies. Good with usual lite hum (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1431, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INTERNATIONAL. AWR B08 schedule is available on
http://www.bclnews.it
(Roberto Scaglione, Sicily, Oct 16, shortwave yg via DXLD)

A very early version dated June; specifically:
http://www.bclnews.it/b08schedules/awr.htm
(Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INTERNATIONAL. TRANS WORLD RADIO ANNOUNCES NEW PRESIDENT
http://www.twr.org/news/trans_world_radio_announces_new_president

CARY, NC, October 21, 2008 ó International Christian broadcaster Trans World Radio (TWR) officially announced today the selection of Lauren Libby as its new president and CEO. The unanimous decision by TWRís Board of Directors to elect Mr. Libby came after an exhaustive six-month search process. He succeeds David G. Tucker, who stepped down from his position earlier this year.

Libby, who currently serves as senior vice president and chief operating officer with The Navigators in Colorado Springs, Colo., will be commissioned by TWR on December 1. He will become the Missionís fourth president.

ìI am pleased and excited about the appointment of Lauren Libby as the

president of TWR,î said Thomas J. Lowell, TWRís chairman of the Board of Directors. ìIn my conversations with Lauren, I sense that he is a man with a passion for serving the Lord and that he has a strong interest in the people who serve in this ministry as well as those who support TWR. He brings to our organization significant knowledge of radio, experience in leadership of a mission organization and a strong desire to lead TWR into the future.î

Libbyís 30-plus years of experience primarily come from an extensive career with The Navigators. Most recently, he has served as a member of the U.S. Navigator National Executive Teamóa six-member group responsible for corporate ministry decisions, the organizationís 1,500 field staff and finances for the U.S. Navigator corporation.

A member of the Board of Directors for the National Religious Broadcasters, the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability and Northwestern College, Libby is also president and CEO of New Horizons Foundation ña public charity designed to help donors accomplish their giving objectives in education, research, humanitarian aid, religion and health-related areas. Additionally, he cofounded Educational Communications of Colorado Springs, which comprises 15 radio stations and 28 translators. Libby also served previously on the board of the Christian Stewardship Association.

A farmerís son from northern Kansas, Libby holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Kansas State University and a Masterís degree in Business Administration from Regis University. He and his wife, June, have one adult son.

When asked about his future with Trans World Radio, Libby remarked: ìIím looking forward to an exciting future with the Board of Directors, staff and donors of TWR. From a Christian media standpoint, TWR is positioned to touch most of the world with the good news of Jesus. Thatís TWRís calling: To go to the whole world with the gospel for the whole person.î (via Dino Bloise, FL, Oct 21, DXLD)

** INTERNATIONAL VACUUM. To expedite trying to clear my backlog, I am not dealing with some major stories under this heading, Worldspace filing for bankruptcy; XM layoffs. There were a number of posts about these in the dxldyg and elsewhere (gh)

** IRAN. 6205, VOIRI, *1928-1945, Oct 19, sign on with lite instrumental music. National Anthem. Opening English ID announcements at 1930. Qur`an at 1933. English news at 1937. Poor to fair. Better on // 7205, 7260, 9925 (Brian Alexander, PA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9925, Voice of the Islamic Rep. of Iran; 2005-2030*, 20 Oct; Feature The End of American Capitalism (wonder if they ran the same program in

1987 & 2000?); 2018-2025 oppressed Palestinians feature; 2025 ID & sked, then piano music to s/off. All in English. SIO=242/QRN (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 210' center-fed RW, 85' end-fed RW, 125' bow-tie, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

9925 is 500 kW, 205 degrees from Kamalabad for C&S Africa (gh)

** IRAN. IRIB ENGLISH RADIO BROADCASTING SCHEDULE (B2008)

TIME UT	KHZ, TARGET AREAS
1030-1130	15460, 17660 Indian Subcontinent, 702MW-Republic of Azerbaijan, 765-Pakistan, FM 100.7-Tehran
1130-1230	Receivable Only Via Internet and Hotbird Satellite
1530-1630	7330, 6160, Indian Subcontinent
1930-2030	7260 Central Europe, 6010 Europe, 7320 Europe, 9855 South Africa, 11695 South Africa
2130-2230	Receivable Only Via Internet and Hotbird Satellite
0030-0130	Receivable Only Via Internet and Hotbird Satellite
0130-0230	6120 North America, 7160 North America

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option=com_content&task=view&id=2343&Itemid=99999999
(via Jaisakthivel, Chennai, India, Oct 22, dxldyg,
tidied up by gh for WORLD OF RADIO 1431, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** IRELAND. Pirate, 6295, Reflections Europe, 2115-2220, Oct 19, English religious programming. Gospel music. Poor with splatter from Egypt 6290. Audio somewhat distorted. // 12255 - very weak. 3910 not heard. Sundays only (Brian Alexander, PA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** IRELAND [and non]. On medium wave, Irish station Hot Country is back on air again today (Oct. 18) via 549 kHz at good strength at my location. Unfortunately, splatter is covering adjacent frequencies, including 555 where I've been hearing what must be ZIZ Basseterre [ST. KITTS] On the 17th at 0630 a BBC ID was heard followed by a news summary and more programming. So far I haven't heard a local ID, but what else could it be? (Noel R. Green (NW England), dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ITALY [non]. Sunday Oct 19 at 1404 on 15725 heard preacher in English about Noah and the slimy creatures. This is the Sunday-only IRRS broadcast at 1400-1430 via Slovakia, 95 degrees to ME, C & S Asia, W & C China. Per sked at
http://www.nexus.org/NEXUS-IBA/Schedules/sun.htm
it`s ``The Watchman`` on the European Gospel Radio service (Glenn

Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** JAPAN [and non]. On some days I have heard RJ direct on 11985 for English at 1310 [yes, that`s its odd start-time --- gh] with only fair or poor results, but it was inaudible on 10/18; however I did hear IS at 1310 and then into Indo at 1315 on 11705 with fair level; that continues with English at 1400 where the QRM with co-channel Sackville in some parts of NAm has been discussed here (Joe Hanlon, NJ, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** JAPAN [non]. B-08 change: Radio Japan NHK World in Arabic to ME 0700-0730, NF 11905 ISSOUDUN, FRANCE, 500 kW / 194 deg, ex reg. 13760. 73! (Ivo Ivanov, Bulgaria, Oct 21, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH. 3980, Korea North, KCBS. October 19, Korean, 0835 female choir music. // 3960, 3970. Abrupt s/off at 0840, 24322.

3960, Korea North, KCBS. October 19, Korean, 0841-0848 elation music, 0846 YL short talks returning to instrumental music. Stronger than 3970 and 3980, 24422 (L˙cio Ot·vio Bobrowiec, Embu SP Brasil - Sony ICF SW40 - dipole 18m, 32m, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH. Rather belatedly I notice what apparently was a typo in frequency, also as later in DXLD 8-107. Should be 9665+, right, John? (Glenn to John Figliozzi, dxldyg via DXLD) i.e.:

9655.29 - KOREA DPR - Korean Central B/C Station (KCBS) noted with strong signal (for northeast NA) at 1346 w/vocal music sounding more like folk or love songs than martial music, anthem at 1356 into time pips, ID IN Korean, then M/W with presumed newscast or political screed. SINPO 35333 (Figliozzi, NY Eton E1, Drake R8B w/ A/D sloper)

As usual, Glenn, your keen eye and commitment to 100% accuracy caught my fat fingers missing the correct key. I went back and checked the paper log and -- sure enough -- my posting should have read 9665.29 kHz. Of course, I apologize for the error. All I can plead in my own defense is that I was rushing out the door (already belatedly) to work and wanted the get the word out immediately. That isn't much help if one fails to get the numbers straight (John Figliozzi, Halfmoon, NY, ibid.)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. 6020, Shiokaze/Sea Breeze via Yamata, Japan, 1413, Oct 17, another Friday in English, strong signal but jamming (pulsating noise) also present, along with QRM from a weak Vietnam (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

CLANDESTINE (NO. KOREA) - 6020 Shiokaze *1400-1430* Oct 18. In Korean

with usual talks, piano opening and closing. Noted next day (Sunday) in Japanese. VG signal both days (John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge, Colorado. Drake R-8, 100-foot RW, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. B08 Furusato no Kaze/Nippon no Kaze

According to announcement: New sked of B08 from Oct. 26.
1430-1500 9880 kHz Japanese Darwin 250 kW 3 degr
1500-1530 9690 kHz Korean Darwin 250 kW 3 degr
1600-1630 9780 kHz Japanese Taiwan 250 kW 45 degr
1700-1730 9820 kHz Korean Taiwan 100 kW 2 degr
1333-1357 9445*kHz Japanese/Korean Taiwan 100 kW 2 degr
[Wolfgang B¸schel added sites, powers, azimuths, and asterisk]

de Hiroshi (S. Hasegawa, NDXC, Oct 20, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

* rather 9455 kHz Taiwan 100 kW 2 degrees due of 9445 kHz to Kamchatka 309 degrees at 1000-1400 UT, KTMI Lebanon-OR-USA 44 34 N 122 50 W (Wolfgang B¸schel, ibid.) see USA for more on KTMI, not yet on the air

** KOREA NORTH [non]. 9330, Voice of Wilderness, 1356 22-10 with talks by man in Korean. Signal S5 max with some quite fast pulse jamming. Sign-off 1400, SINPO : 33533. Please look for the file in my web page http://zlgr.multiply.com/journal/item/169 (Zacharias Liangas, Greece, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA SOUTH [non]. KBS World Radio in Spanish (pronouncing the KBS as in Spanish, the World Radio as in English), 6045 via Sackville, Oct 20 at 0628 closing with Spanish transmission schedule, but cut off in the middle of it at 0629*, this time without any RCI IS or ID. Yet another station which doesn`t manage to coˆrdinate programming from studio with axual transmission times. Is no one paying attention? Does no one give a damn? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KURDISTAN. 3927v, 0327-0440, CLANDESTINE, 19.10, R Voice of Kurdistan, No. Iraq. Kurdish talk, mentioning Kurdistan, folkmusic, jumping 3924/3927/3939 to avoid Iranian jamming 34433 AP-DNK

4865.65, 0315-0325, CLANDESTINE, 19.10, Voice of Iranian Kurdistan, Al-Sulaymaniyah, No. Iraq. Kurdish news read by man and woman 34444 CODAR QRM, but no jamming at this hour (Anker Petersen, Skovlunde, Denmark, on my AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of an outdoor longwire at 9 metres altitude, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

** KUWAIT. Re ``Radio Kuwait not heard on 11990 at 1800 in English over the past few days; perhaps they have ceased this service (Edwin Southwell, England, undated, DX News, Oct World DX Club Contact via DXLD) Not audible here September 30, they were on 15110 0715 tune in

to 0756 off October 1; assume English service though just pop songs, no announcements (Mike Barraclough, ed., ibid.)``

Has anyone heard Kuwait in English at 1800 since this report? Please check Friday. Tnx, (Glenn Hauser, 2156 UT Oct 16, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

R. Kuwait English to NAm back on air at 1800 Oct 15, 11990 much better signal (1-2 [what does that mean? gh] and fade) than in past. I had some propagatoin roll, S fluctuated between 2 and 3+. Great modulation on music. They improved something! (Bob Thomas, Bridgeport CT, by p-mail, WORLD OF RADIO 1431, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Official targets are C&NW Eu, 48 USA but we are lucky to get the remnants, few of which make it to OK; nominal 500 kW at 310 degrees from Kabd (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Was on today; at least I heard the last 10 or so minutes on 11990 up to sign-off at 2100 (Rob Peebles, W8LX, Dublin, Ohio, Oct 16, ibid.)

I heard Radio Kuwait signing on in English at 1800 October 15. I had this in from Edwin Southwell by pmail earlier this week:

Radio Kuwait noted back with the English service on October 3rd on 11990 at 1800, on the 6th noted with Arabic service but on the 7th nothing noted on 11990 at 1800 tune in and later re-check (Mike Barraclough, England, Oct. 17, ibid.)

11990, Radio Kuwait, 1800-1840+, Oct 17, English programming with National Anthem at 1800 followed by program about the teachings of Islam. IDs. Local music. Lite pop music. Time pips & English news at 1830. Back to US pop music at 1834. Very good (Brian Alexander, PA, ibid.)

11990, R Kuwait, English, Teaching of Islam, 1800 UT, S=9+10dB in Europe (Wolfgang B¸schel, Oct 17, ibid.)

Keep sleeping quietly. Radio Kuwait is still there on 11990, heard at 1942, Friday 17, playing Santana's finest piece Aquamarine, a too high concept instrumental, sadly not easy for most of today's sand-filled brains. Despite that appreciation, RK signal is not good as always, but once again, is a matter of noise and poor propagation. The same goes for the poor quality Radio Australia has been delivering for the usual good quality we had on 9580 around 1200. 73. Ra˙l Saavedra, Costa Rica, ibid.)

11990, Radio Kuwait at 1815 ending program ``Islam: A Total System of Life``, ID. Good Oct. 18 (Harold Sellers, DXing near Parry Sound,

Ontario, with Eton E1 on whip antenna, ODXA yg via DXLD)

** KYRGYZSTAN. 4795.01, 0245-0255 19.10, Kyrgyz R 1, Krasnaya Rechka, Bishkek. Kyrgyz talk, 25222 // 4010 (25333) (Anker Petersen, Skovlunde, Denmark, on my AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of an outdoor longwire at 9 metres altitude, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

** LAOS. 6130, Lao National Radio, 1417-1431, Oct 17, English lesson with Laotian translations, "dialogue at train station", segment "This is New Dynamic English man on the street. Today I am at the Washington Monument" talking to elevator operator there, almost 100% readable until the 1428 sign-on of Iran with a fair signal (piano IS, in Arabic, choral Anthem and reciting from the Qur'an) (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** LAOS [non]. Hmong North Radio, 5875 via WHRI, confirmed UT Sat 0003 with Hmong talk. Sure sounds like the same announcer as on Hmong Lao Radio. Loud and clear, presumably with rustic music later in the semihour but I couldn`t stay with it this time. Other weekly broadcast is 25 hours later.

Hmong Lao Radio, via WHRI 11785, altho missing last Saturday, was back on the air Oct 18 at 1339 check, Hmong hmusic with chirps, 1345 into what sounds like Hmong via an artificial larynx; do they smoke or chew a lot? 1346 a cappella tonal chanting. 1425 the other Hmong program was on, and at 1430 recheck DXing With Cumbre already in progress so must have started early. VG signal overloading nearby frequencies.

Hmong Lao Radio, 11785 via WHRI, Sunday Oct 19 at 1357 with a bit of closing Hmong hmusic, 1357:30 into some other fill music. Must have signed off shortly, since 11785 gone at 1407 recheck. It appears that WHRI/WHRA/KWHR transmissions have been considerably curtailed as people keep complaining they can`t hear DXing with Cumbre when supposedly scheduled, such as Sunday 1430 on 11785 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** LITHUANIA. 9770, 1029, The Mighty KBC, Holland, via Sitkunai heard weakly 19 Sep with Dutch folk music then opening ident. Reception largely unusable in NZ target area due heavy QRM from Asian on 9765. BCM (Bryan Clark at Mangawhai with AOR7030+ and Alpha Delta Sloper, EWEs to NE and E, plus various 100 metre BOGs to the Americas, Oct NZ DX Times via DXLD)

This was a test for several weeks on Saturdays only; I figured it would not work from local midday on 9 MHz (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

9770, Mighty KBC, the Netherlands, via Sitkunai, 1029-1059, Oct 04,

English DJ, ID, test towards Pacific. The propagation conditions today were the best of the three tests. Intense interference from "Voice of Russia" on 9765. 33332 (Tomoaki Wagai, Wakayama, Japan, DSWCI DX Window Oct 15 via DXLD)

** LITHUANIA. Harmonics Oct 20: Noise seemed less last night and props were better than I can remember for ages. 2772.000, LTU Sitkunai (2 x 1386) 1940 UT (Tim Bucknall. Congleton N/W England, Icom IC-R9500 + Welbrook ala 1530 loop, harmonics yg via DXLD)

** MALAYSIA/SARAWAK. 7270, Wai FM and Limbang FM via RTM, 1302-1403, Oct 16, in vernacular, RTM news via Wai FM (news // 5964.94 Klasik Nasional FM), into Limbang FM programming with DJ playing pop songs, his program played constant piano background theme music whenever he was talking, several on-air calls, was happy to clearly hear several singing station jingles for "Limbang FM" (slow tempo singing), mostly poor, but a few moments of fair reception, battling it out with PBS Nei Menggu and taking turns as to who dominated. A good morning for Sarawak, as 7130 (Sarawak FM) also had well above average reception. Oct 17 from 1348-1413, the exceptional reception continues, mostly fair (much better than yesterdays reception), many on-air phone calls with no music played, after 1400 into Wai FM programming, news (no mention of RTM news, but at the start of news mentioned Wai FM, so assume this was their local news), pop music after the news, several clear "Wai FM" IDs, well on top of PBS Nei Menggu (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MALAYSIA/SARAWAK. 5030 is normally an unlistenable mixture of Malaysia and China with China on top, but tnx to a tip from Hiroshi and S. Hasegawa, NDXC in Japan, this and many other CNR-1 frequencies from Beijing site are unexpectedly off the air. Now Oct 22 at 1330 all I hear is one station with soft ``island`` vocal music, tho with the inevitable splash from Cuba-5025. The Malaysian station is RTM Sarawak in Kuching (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1431, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MALI. 7284.58, RTVM, *0757-0820, Oct 19, sign on with local tribal music followed by flute IS/French ID sequence. Vernacular talk at --- 0801. Some local rustic vocals at 0811. // 9635-on the air at 0801. Both frequencies weak but readable (Brian Alexander, PA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MAURITANIA. 4845, Radio Mauritania, 0815-0831*, Oct 19, Arabic talk. Some Mid-East style music. One minute of Qur`an at 0830. Closing ID announcements at 0831. Poor to fair (Brian Alexander, PA, DX LISTENING DIGEST) I usually hear this between 0600 and 0630 (gh)

** MEXICO. 4800, XETRA Radio Transcontinental. 0530-0621. 11 Oct 08.

Spanish. First log of this station. Continuous music during the entire receptions with the exception of an ID at 0616 as "Onda Corta X-E-R-T-A Radio Transcontinental." The music appeared to have been recorded before a live audience and included some English in the performer's crowd comments. Poor (Joe Wood, TN, MARE Tipsheet via DXLD)

** MEXICO. XEXQ de nuevo al aire --- Hace unos momentos sustuve una conversaciÛn telefÛnica con el Ing. Francisco Javier Moreno, quien me informÛ que finalmente ha quedado de instalada en forma definitiva la antena para la frecuencia de los 6045 kHz de Radio Universidad de San Luis PotosÌ.

Desde ayer por la tarde (centro de MÈxico) nos percatamos de una buena seÒal en los 6045 kHz correspondiendo a XEXQ Radio UASLP (escucha realizada en el centro sur de la Ciudad de MÈxico aprox. 400 km al sur de San Luis PotosÌ).

Durante estos ˙ltimos meses Radio Universidad de San Luis PotosÌ estuvo realizando cambios en su planta de transmisiÛn ubicada en la Ciudad de San Luis PotosÌ. Se construyÛ una nueva sala para albergar sus transmisores de FM, OM y onda corta para que estos estuvieran en las mejores condiciones, y se diÛ nueva ubicaciÛn a la antena de onda corta.

La antena para los 6045 kHz est· a una altura de aprox. 15 m. sobre el suelo, 3 m. correspondiendo a la altura de la edificaciÛn sobre la que est· montada y 12 m. por cada poste que la sostiene; tiene una forma de "V" invertida" y una longitud de 12 m. por cada lado. Su orientaciÛn es norte - sur.

Contin˙a transmitiendo con solo 250 vatios en espera de la autorizaciÛn para subir a 1 kW.

El horario de transmisiÛn es de las 07:00 a las 23:00 horas (tiempo del centro de MÈxico) 1200 a 0400 UT. La programaciÛn eminentemente cultural e informativa es tomada de su frecuencia en OM (1190 kHz).

Los informes de recepciÛn son bien recibidos y contestados con una carta QSL. Favor de dirigirlos al Ing. Francisco Javier Moreno CuÈllar quien es el encargado TÈcnico de Radio Universidad de San Luis PotosÌ, al correo: fjmcuellar @ gmail.com con copia al Ing. RamÛn OrtÌz Aguirre, quien es el Jefe de la DivisiÛn de DifusiÛn Cultural, Radio Universidad AutÛnoma de San Luis PotosÌ, al correo: raortiz @ uaslp.mx

De nuevo felicidades a la Lic. Leticia Zavala por la excelente labor que est·n desarrollando en Radio UASLP. 73¥s (Juli·n Santiago DÌez de Bonilla, DF, Oct 15, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

OK, but did not hear it on my usual morning bandscan around 1245 Oct 15. XEXQ, 6045, detectable with fast SAH from FE station, Oct 16 at 1349, but seems no better than before, altho Juli·n Santiago reports they have just improved their antenna setup.

XEXQ, 6045, Sat Oct 18 at 1325 with Spanish talk rather than classical music; made big rumbling lo-frequency het with E Asian transmitter; by 1327 XEXQ was fading up, something about ``cultura deportiva en esta capital potosina``, another contradixion in terms (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 6104.68, Candela FM, MÈrida, (presumed), 1000-1010 Oct 17. Noted a strong carrier prior to the hour. On the hour, the broadcast begins with music for a minute or two, then comments by a male. As it turns out, the signal is very distorted and almost impossible to copy. I was able to pick out some details such as the place name, "Mexico" during comments and promos. Strong carrier but distorted audio. I think Candela dropped off the air by 1010, possibly because of this distortion because I couldn't hear anything but the carrier by then. However, checking back at 1020, the only signal I could hear on this frequency was the Brazilian, which was much weaker (Chuck Bolland, Clewiston, Florida, NRD545, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1431, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

And I assume not exactly on `this` same frequency? (gh, DXLD)

Thanks Chuck's tip, presumed this one from Naples, Florida with Kaito KA 1102 and whip antenna. Very distorted in AM at 1115 check. Hope they get their audio fixed (Hans Johnson, Oct 19, Cumbre DX via WORLD OF RADIO 1431, DXLD)

Seems on all day with distorted signal into various parts of Florida (Bob Wilkner, FL, 20 Oct, ibid.)

6104.8, Candela FM, MÈrida / Radio MÈrida, 2315 with distorted signal 19 October, Per Charles Bolland tip 1100 to 2010 on 18 October, highly distorted with Mexican music, OM and YL, as carrier 16 and 17 October. Originally first logged by Bolland several months ago. You should try for it daytime in OK. 73s (Bob Wilkner, Pompano Beach, South Florida, WORLD OF RADIO 1431, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. R. EducaciÛn, in the clear on 6185 tho squeezed by 6180 and 6190 transmitters, at 0000 Oct 18 giving contact addresses in Spanish and English, each twice: Apartado/P O Box 44277, 03101 MÈxico DF. This may be new; not as in WRTH 2008 which only gives a physical address (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. RADIO CLANDESTINA DIFUNDE PRESUNTO ATAQUE TERRORISTA.

Una de las noticias m·s perturbadoras de los dÌas recientes es Èsta, difundida ayer por la agencia michoacana de noticias QuadratÌn, no sÛlo por el contenido, sino ñ como se ver· m·s adelante ó por el contexto. ìMorelia, Mich., 16 de octubre de 2008.-

Mientras el presidente de la Rep˙blica, Felipe CalderÛn Hinojosa, realizaba una gira de trabajo por Morelia, una seÒal radiofÛnica clandestina llamÛ a la gente a no acudir al centro de la ciudad, porque presuntamente habr· nuevos ataques terroristas. . . [more] http://www.cronica.com.mx/nota.php?id_nota=391768
(via JosÈ Miguel Romero, dxldyg via DXLD) WTFK? 99.7

** MONGOLIA [and non]. 12085 is V. of Mongolia`s only frequency and per Aoki they only want to use it at 09-11 and 14-16, so could other stations with frequency-agility give them a break? Of course not! Oct 18 at 1428 I was hearing Russian on the frequency with a low audible het, but cut off at 1429. Something came back on a semiminute later. After 1430 there was weak music with flutter. Per Aoki, R. Sweden Russian service is on here at 1400-1430, and then Iran in Bengali until 1527.

However, the WRTH A-08 update shows VOM on 12085 at 08-11 and 15-16, so maybe there is now a collision only at 1500-1527, and English in the clear at 1530? It looks as if VOM has changed its language times trying to avoid the worst QRM on the only frequency it can use, 12085. 12015 used to be an alternative (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Please check also the summer schedules' update: 1400-1500 added there. I hear only VOIRI in Bengali here in Finland. 73, (Mauno Ritola, Oct 19, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

That would be the update with a July date on the pdf document. Since the link to it disappeared from the WRTH update page, replaced by one dated 23 September, I had assumed, apparently wrongly, that after initial upload, the brief July update info had been integrated into the May update, to make it Version 3. But the `September` update is really July`s (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MONGOLIA. 4829: On October 10th at 1450 UT with news in Mongolian and National Anthem of Mongolia played at 1458 and close/down at 1500 UT with pips (Rumen Pankov, Bulgaria, Oct5 12, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Oct 16 via DXLD) Nom. 4830?

** MYANMAR. 5770, Myanmar Defense Forces BS via Taunggyi, it seems my Oct 14 reception of sign-off at 1431 was just a one day event and not a permanent change to their schedule. Heard at 1431 on Oct 16 with the

usual BoH indigenous marching music and playing pop songs, heard the usual 1529* after a brief selection of indigenous music. This can be heard here just about every day with poor to fair reception. Oct 17 noted past 1440 with fair reception, playing pop songs (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MYANMAR. 5986, Myanmar R., heard at 0016 on Oct. 16 in Burmese with talks by female announcer and pop music from a YL artist. Must have been a feature on an artist because the same YL was singing every song. Positive station ID at 0032. Poor signals but no QRM, however with severe fading. Rather happy with this one. Now if they would only QSL! (Al Muick, Kabul, Afghanistan, WinRadio G303e, 100m longwire, HCDX via DXLD)

5985, R. Myanma, 1329-1400+ Oct 19. Usual IS of music on local instruments, chimes, and presumed news by M in presumed Burmese; YL with talk or commentary at 1341; vocal music at 1348, continuing past ToH. VG signal today, best in a while (John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge, Colorado. Drake R-8, 100-foot RW, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD) Note 1 kHz difference between the two logs at different dayparts (gh)

5985.0, Myanma R., 1525-1540, Oct 22, pop music, in vernacular before BoH along with indigenous instrumental music, into English, ID with frequencies, news about the activities of various generals of the Department of Defense, item about the 16th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition, weather (gives present conditions along with forecast though tomorrow evening and conditions for Myanmar waters), promo for the 16thMyanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition, "Dear listeners, now you can hear the evening music program, Listening Pleasure", EZL songs, fair, best reception so far this DX season (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NETHERLANDS [non]. Radio Nederland B08 freq. list available in the following link. Here are all AM transmissions from RNW
http://pdis.rnw.nl/werkman/amschedule.php
(Jaisakthivel, Chennai, India, Oct 15, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

NB: I have stated before, and I will repeat, this is a WORKING document. It is not intended for use by the general public, but you are welcome to refer to it. The public version of the file will be released next week when we are sure there are no last minute changes. We use over 20 shortwave transmission sites, so changes are always possible. These may affect antennas, azimuth or even frequencies (Andy Sennitt, Radio Netherlands Worldwide, ibid.)

And it mixes A-08 with B-08 information (gh)

Re: ``So RN would rather broadcast English at 4:30 am local time to India, than in primetime to North America. I would dearly love to see the audience figures for that (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)``

Very good point, since this 1548 kHz transmission indeed replaces two hours of shortwave airtime in North America.

It's so because it replaces two hours of airtime at Sines (obviously one hour of mediumwave at 400 kW is considered as equivalent to two hours of shortwave at 250 kW), until next Saturday in use for Spanish 0159-0357 on 6165. As of next Sunday this very transmission moves to Bonaire. So RNW Spanish takes over the airtime of RNW English in the western hemisphere only on an insulated view at the Bonaire transmitters only.

Instead of running this extremely early transmission to India the airtime could still be used at Sines, probably in the morning for Dutch to Europe also between 0700-0900 (scheduled is 5955 0600-0657 only), replacing two hours of airtime leased for cash from Media Broadcast. Technically this should be no problem, unless Sines claims a daily maintenance break after 0700, since in B08 no AM transmissions at all are scheduled at Sines between 0700 (Hausa on 5945 ends) and 1000 (Swahili on 21780 starts).

Is there really a chance to attract a sufficient audience in the skywave coverage area of Trincomalee-1548 at this extremely early time, worth the equivalent of two hours paid shortwave airtime, certainly enough money for the wanted research trip to Africa?

And concerning the new airtime exchange with Radio Vatican: Now Talata Volonondry is to be used instead of Bonaire, still 0300-0400 on 9660 (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Oct 18, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Re: RNW to end shortwave usage to North America as of the B-08 sched

Media Network says that The State We're in is carried on local FM and sattelite, so I took a look. It's too bad we won't have the other good programs we're used to, but half a loaf, eh? They listed public radio station WGBH as carrying The State We're in for the Boston area. WGBH's program schedule didn't show it at all. http://www.wgbh.org/schedules/radio

Either their schedule is old, or Media Network was optimistic about who would carry the program. I'm not about to listen 24/7 for a week to see if I can find it, and no one else in New England is listed. If you live here, you're out of luck (Dan Malloy, KA1RDZ, Oct 20, ODXA yg via DXLD)

The shortsightedness of this decision reveals the bean counters at Radio Netherlands to be totally lacking in their understanding of the small North American market for international radio. The idea of shortwave radio is that it serves a widely dispersed market cheaply.

Those who are most prone to listen international radio are either doing it via the internet or shortwave - satellite radio's market penetration is not there yet. And forget CBC's overnight service who have them on for 55 minutes starting at 1:05 AM. Aside from shift workers and insomniacs, who else is up at that hour who is sober enough to listen and comprehend the program?

It really is unfortunate as Radio Netherlands used to be a dominant player in international broadcasting. When the BBC abandoned North America, Radio Netherlands stepped right up to the plate and took over the BBC's former times and frequencies from Sackville for a while.

And about their listener survey they so proudly cite --- who on this list ever got contacted about their listening habits? It's fine to put a poll on the website but not everyone goes there but radio listeners do go to their radio dials. I just finished one of those week long radio surveys put on by BBM. Of course I only entered local AM and FM stations while I was in my car or at work. But I dutifully noted in the survey that when I am at home I listen to shortwave (Mark Coady, Editor, Your Reports/Listening In Magazine, Co-Moderator, ODXA Yahoogroup, Ontario DX Association, ibid.)

It was mentioned for several weeks (months) on their nightly broadcasts that they were interested in hearing about listener habits in North America. I did reply, but it was, like my replies to BBC and DW surveys, not the winner (Mick Delmage, Sherwood Park, AB, ibid.)

Mark, I heard RNW appeal on a nightly basis for months and months for comments by listeners on their listening habits and use of shortwave. Can't understand how anyone who was a regular listener would miss that (John Figliozzi, NY, ibid.)

** NEW ZEALAND. Radio NZ International was a very good signal on 7145 after 0700 too - and ALL of these transmissions [see RUSSIA] were affected by rapid fading characteristics (including 5930) so I assume trans-polar, one way or another (Noel R. Green (NW England), dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NEW ZEALAND. Re 8-113, new sked from Oct 19: And also looks like [northern] winter schedule. RNZI is starting the B-08 season a week early because the following weekend is a holiday on NZ (Labour Day) and to have the technicians on site at Rangitaiki then is rather expensive! Transmitter is 270 km south of Auckland rsp. 310 km north

of Wellington away (Wolfgang B¸schel?, BC-DX Oct 16 via DXLD) Ah·; or not---

It`s an off-week for Mailbox, but I checked RNZI anyway Monday Oct 20 at 1330 on 6170 for the alternate program, listed as Spectrum. But was already in a remote report from a reserve on the coast about storm damage, seals, with plenty of location sound. Maybe National Radio relay instead? Unseems so with BBC programme ``Let the Good Times Roll`` scheduled.

So what is Spectrum about? That was once the name of another DX program. I listened via webcast for the repeat at 1630, and it turned out this was indeed Spectrum, from the coast near Wellington, looking out on Cook Strait, interviewing a ranger, except it too started early at 1629. Faded show out at 1650 for bell bird IS, frequency change on SW, irrelevant on web. 1652 to Maori chant, drumming, ID and music, no mention of frequencies, opening morning programme prior to 1700 news in English, 1708 French. Actually Pacific Press Review, on schedule in French for Mondays only at 1708-1750. Or less? Searching the grid for anything else in French we find only the same show UT Sundays at 2115-2135, or rather the next program starts 20 minutes after it starts. Oops, already back in English at 1714, so the French is only about 6 minutes, something you cannot tell from the way their schedules are presented.

Guess what, the current one-week schedule effective from Oct 19 does not show any frequency change break at 1650, but at 1550 and 1850! In the next schedule, however, effective Oct 26 there will be a change at 1650; once again, RNZI programming is out of synch with its own transmissions. And the B-08 is different from the one-week sked, not just an early start.

Here`s the upcoming B-08 schedule now posted on their website, tidied:

26 Oct 2008 - 28 Mar 2009
0459-0658 11725 AM & 15720 DRM Pacific
0659-1058 9765 AM & 9870 DRM Pacific
1059-1258 13840 AM & 9870 DRM NW Pacific, Bougainville, PNG, Timor
1258-1358 13840 AM NW Pacific, Bougainville, PNG, Timor
1300-1550 6170 AM Pacific
1551-1650 6170 AM & 7145 DRM NE Pacific, Fiji, Samoa, Cook Islands
1650-1750 9765 AM & 9890 DRM NE Pacific, Fiji, Samoa, Cook Islands
1750-1950 11725 AM & 11675 DRM NE Pacific, Tonga, Fiji, Samoa, Cook Is
1951-2235 17675 AM & 15720 DRM Pacific
2236-0458 15720 AM & 17675 DRM Pacific
(Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1431, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NEW ZEALAND. Log 17/10 --- ZLXA, op 3935.060 kHz, 1610 UT with

verry poor English talks. ZLXA, op 3935.060, 1614 20/10. Met zacht Engels gebabbel Gr (Maurits Van Driessche, Belgium, bdx mailing list via DXLD)

** NIGER. 9705, LV du Sahel, Niamey, 2101-2155*, Oct 19, audible after Ethiopia 9704.2 signed off. French talk. US R&B mx. FF ballads. Phone talk. Local drums at 2147. Local flute music at 2149. Qur`an at 2151-2155 and off. Weak but readable (Brian Alexander, PA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NIGER. 9705, Voix du Sahel, 2120, 10/14/08. DJ taking phone calls. Signal up and down but poor to fair on average (Jerry Strawman, Des Moines, IA, JRC NRD-545, Alpha Delta SWL Sloper, Wellbrook 330S 1.1 Meter Loop, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

** NIGERIA. 6089.85, Radio Nigeria, Kaduna, *0429-0450, Oct 17, Anguilla off the air. Sign on with drums IS. Choral National Anthem at 0430 followed by talk in listed Hausa. Possible religious recitations at 0433. Local Afro-pop music at 0442. IDs at 0444. Poor with QRM from Brazil on 6089.95 (Brian Alexander, PA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NIGERIA. VON, 15120, Oct 15 at 2049 with Nigerian news, good signal and fairly good modulation but squeezed by splatter from Spain 15110 and WYFR 15130. Intelligibility and studio modulation quality decreased when switched from M to W announcer. This closes at 2100 anyway (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTEJNING DIGEST)

9690, Voice of Nigeria, *0758-0820, Oct 19, sign on with their usual theme music. Opening announcements at 0800 & into vernacular talk. Weak (Brian Alexander, PA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORWAY. 7215, UKEsenderen (The Week sender), Trondheim. On Oct 01, I asked Norvald Ryeng, if there are any news concerning a possible reactivation of UKEsenderen in 2009 and immediately got the following answer. We should keep on asking for it:

"Hi, Harald! The short answer is: We do not know yet. As you may be aware of, UKEsenderen has not been on the air for a few years now. Akademisk Radioklubb (LA1K) would very much like to revive it, but since UKEsenderen is a special event radio station for the UKA student festival, there will be no radio station unless the board of UKA decides so. I am sending a copy of this e-mail to them, hoping that they can give a final answer.

Since listeners' reports from earlier years and requests such as yours still keep trickling in to ukesenderen @ la1k.no we will continue to read e-mail and keep http://la1k.no/ukesenderen/ updated with any news as we hear of it. I am also sure the short wave listening community

will be quick to pass on the news, if we manage to revive the station.

I wish to thank all of you that show such a keen interest in UKEsenderen! It is a great pleasure to receive and reply to reports and requests from the short wave listening community! Best wishes, Norvald H. Ryeng, LA6YKA and the rest of Akademisk Radioklubb, LA1K, Oct 01". (via Harald Kuhl, Germany, DSWCI DX Window Oct 15 via DXLD)

My UKE-QSL of 1995 transmission says they started in year 1933. In 1995 they used SW 7215 with a 300 W NERA transmitter, MW 1485 with a 100 W NERA transmitter and FM 103 MHz with a 100 W Telefunken transmitter. The QSL was signed by LA7OJA, Jorunn Anita Sunde. (Jari Savolainen in DXplorer, ibid.)

** OKLAHOMA. OETA OKLA, the #2 digital channel of public TV here, at 2325 UT Oct 16 was running color bars labeled CPTV HARTFORD, and from 2330 BBC World News, so Okies finally get a chance to see BBC! Contrary to OETA`s own schedule at
http://www.oeta.onenet.net/schedules/index.php
and the home pages advises, *Programming Alert: OETA is currently experiencing technical difficulties, which may involve programming changes. Thank you for your patience during this time.* Normally neither OETA channel has any time at all for BBCWN, which runs on many other PBS outlets (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. A DTV test was ballyhooed during the noon news on KFOR-TV Oct 17. At 1729 UT, KFOR was going to pull the plug on analog in a 30-second experiment to allow viewers to find out if their DTV was hooked up correctly. A phalanx of KFOR engineers were standing by so confused viewers could call in for advice. I was monitoring all 3: off air analog-4 with my own antenna; via Suddenlink cable in Enid which converts the DTV signal; and KFOR-DT-27 off air thru my own STB.

When they were supposedly ``off the air`` in analog for 30 sex, the ch 4 analog really STAYED ON THE AIR, no carrier was dropped! And the audio continued altho ``you probably can`t hear me now`` said the confused anchor, and the video switched to an ID on a black screen. This was bull. Suddenlink and DTV direct went on without video or audio interruption, of course, altho all three out of synch. They did it again at 1752. Can any viewer be so stupid as not to know whether they have a DTV converter box? They were going to do it yet again on the 5 and 6 pm news.

BTW NBC Weather Plus is still running on the DT-2 channel. When is this supposed to close down? Ha, maybe it was at 1836 UT when the video froze during a commercial, but not the graphics, and audio also silent. Afterwards, audio came and went, with lots of dead air. No, this was not a decoding problem, adequate signal level (Glenn Hauser,

Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA [and non]. HSFB in OK tonight!! I couldn`t care less about HSFB; in fact I would rather not DX a station than do so thanks to violations of night powers if I had to listen to a stupid ballgame; but for those of you who go after such things, for the greater good, I hear that there will be a lot of HSFB games tonight, Thursday this week instead of Friday due to a fall break coming up in Oklahoma. Perhaps this also happens elsestate? 73, (Glenn Hauser, Enid, dxldyg et al., via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Ah yes, it is happening here in Wyoming. Here in the west it's hunting vacation. No, you won't ever see it referred to as that --- most call it just "autumn break" or "autumn recess" but that's what it is. The weekend where the kids get an extra day or two off from school for hunting. Where I come from in Louisiana there was no such thing. No "fall break" or autumn break or anything. We'd never heard of such a thing till we moved out west. We had to laugh when we heard what the break was actually for. Here in Evanston our high school game is tonight instead of tomorrow night since there's no school tomorrow (Michael n Wyo Richard, ABDX via DXLD)

We lived in PA about 35 years ago. Our garbage was supposed to be picked up on Friday. When no one came my wife called the city. She was told "It's deer season." We discovered there was not only no garbage pickup, there was also mail delivery, no school, and half the stores downtown were closed. The vacation lasted for a couple of days. By that time everyone had gotten their deer and had come back home (Larry Wild, Old guy now living in South Dakota, ABDX via DXLD)

Wow... this somehow reminds me of the old Tom Lehrer song: http://members.aol.com/quentncree/lehrer/hunting.htm

:) Have not heard of a hunting break in all my days living in VA or CA. Here in CA most high schools are on year-round schedule, but the HSFB season seems relatively undisturbed. Anyway thanks for the tip! 73 (Tim Hall, CA, ibid.)

Thanks to yesterday's tip from avid high school football fan Glenn Hauser, I managed to snag the following last night (October 16):

1520, KOKC, Oklahoma City, OK, tune into some game featuring the "Mustangs," score was 55-7; at 9:46 pm Central caught two brief bursts (about three seconds) of 1000 kHz tone about 45 seconds apart way down in the mess on channel --- maybe an EBS test or actual alert? Very crowded channel, and mainly notable for how anemic KOKC's signal is. When it was KOMA, it used to blast into the San Diego area when I lived there from 1987-97 and it was a nightly regular on my rental car

radio when I was last on the Big Island in 2002. Sic transit gloria. . . . . .

1640, KFXY, Enid, OK, with OBA [Oklahma Bible Academy] Eagles vs. Hennessey Trojans. Score was 45-7, so I hope the Trojans did a better job of stopping any STDs than they did the Eagles offense. 9:56 pm Central ID as "16-40 The Score" and into ad for Stewart Pontiac / Cadillac / Nissan "in beautiful downtown Enid" (their words, not mine). Loud atop WTNI, so I suspect they were on day facilities.

Ye gods, the band was really crappy last night! [the next night] Signals sounded auroral, with rapid variations in signal strength that made it impossible to identify many stations. Nothing new logged, but there were two interesting situations. On 1640, WTNI, Biloxi, MS, was dominating the channel with Biloxi HS FM and KFXY was way underneath --- a complete reversal of the situation from Thursday night, and a good clue WTNI was on day facilities (Harry Helms W5HLH, Corpus Christi, TX EL17 Oct 17 and 18, http://harryhelmsblog.blogspot.com/ ABDX via DXLD)

** OKLAHOMA. As of Oct 22 at 1548 UT I am still hearing nothing on 99.7 where the ex-KNID Enid/Alva is due to reappear as a Mustang/OKC station (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA [and non]. Continuing previous discussion about early UHF TV: Glenn- Too bad the FCC didn't deintermix more markets back in the 50s. UHF worked well in such places as Fresno, Bakersfield, Yakima, Harrisburg and Lexington, KY. WLKY-32 did pretty well being the ABC affiliate in Louisville as well as some other isolated major network UHF affiliates in some other markets. KEDD-16 was the first station in Wichita as the NBC affiliate and would have survived if the FCC hadn't granted channels 3 and 10. KTVH-12 already had CBS in Hutchinson.

When the early UHFs were on in OKC I never thought I would have a chance to pick them up. I didn't even try for KEDD-16 even though we had a UHF converter for KCTY-25 in Kansas City. But we only had the loop antenna built into the Mallory UHF converter as we were only about a mile from their transmitter. Of course, today OKC UHFs are in frequently with very strong signals even in DTV. Quite a change from the early days of UHF. By the way, while in Oklahoma City with my parents I spotted the KLPR-14 building and stopped by to see it. As I recall they concenrated on country music programming. Maybe just ahead of their time. I suspect few viewers able to watch them. Somewhere I have a TV GUIDE from OKC with an ad for KTVQ-25 (Dave Pomeroy, Topeka KS, Oct 22, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PAKISTAN. Mediumwave, you say? 540, PBC Peshawar heard at 1717 on 21 Oct. with news and commentary by man and woman as well as modern

and easy-listening music. Not sure of language since this is the tribal area service. 300 kW, but only fair signals (Al Muick, Kabul, Afghanistan WinRadio G303e, 100m longwire, HCDX via DXLD)

** PALAU. Re: KWHR gone yet? 4 x 100 kW would include a rather recent, not well-documented installation. TDP suggests that High Adventure bought three 1968/1969 vintage RCA transmitters from HCJB. One of them has been installed near Los Angeles (KVOH), the other two went to Palau. In 1997 High Adventure purchased another HCJB transmitter, a rather new (built in 1986) Harris HCJB apparently wanted to replace by an Elkhart-made unit (HC-100), too. So the known Palau equipment would be 2 x RCA, good for 80 kW, and 1 x Harris 100 kW.

Concerning the callsign mess: Isn't the situation just such that the US call KHBN formally expired when Palau became formally independent in 1994? The FCC apparently still handles the frequency management (not a unique constellation, to my knowledge it exists in the CIS, too) and still refers to the site as KHBN, but formally it was T8BZ until recently and apparently became T8WH when World Harvest Radio bought the station.

And concerning the WHR website: At least it now shows what they call "Angel 1" and "Angel 2" correctly as the Furman / Cypress Creek transmitters fka. WSHB. For years it associated the WHRI call still with the gone Indiana site. Thus I would not expect to appear anything about Palau there soon (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Oct 20, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hallo Wolfgang! Ich habe in letzten Wochen auf 9930 kHz bislang immer nur die T8WH IDs (hˆre Anhang) gehˆrt, und auch die Signalst%rke passt zu Palau im Herbst - Hawaii war hier nie in so guter Qualit%t zu hˆren. s/off war gestern jedenfalls um 1459 UT. 73, (Patrick Robic, Austria, Oct 19, A-DX via Wolfgang B¸schel, DXLD)

** PALAU. Tentative B-08: Democratic V. of Burma via VTC via ``KHBN`` 11880, 1300-1400, 100 kW at 270 degrees. It remains to be heard whether this comes off, as a previous test via Palau was never confirmed (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1431, DX LISTENING DIGEST) It`s on their new sked

** PERU. 5460.6, RADIO BOLIVAR. BolÌvar. 1125-1130 oct 12, m˙sica folclÛrica. "...usted est· en compaÒÌa de Radio BolÌvar en 5460 onda corta y 100.1 FM estÈreo; sintonizando Radio BolÌvar, te acompaÒas mejor..."

5486.6, EMISORA REINA DE LA SELVA. Chachapoyas. 1130-1140 oct 13, programa agrÌcola sobre el cultivo y diferentes tipos de maÌz. "…sta es Reina de la Selva y su programa El Madrugador..." Luego m˙sica de

Sonia Morales "la internacional".

5939.2, RADIO MELODIA. Arequipa. 1030-1045 oct 12, mencionando celebraciÛn del 36 aniversario para el dÌa 21 de octubre. "Desde la Rep˙blica del Per˙ en la ciudad de Arequipa; Radio MelodÌa presenta su noticiero estelar, MelodÌa en la Noticia; transmitiendo en sus tres frecuencias. En amplitud modulada 1220 kHz, en frecuencia modulada 104.7 MHz, en onda corta banda de 49 metros 5940 kHz; en MelodÌa, 36 aÒos informando con profesionalismo" (Rafael RodrÌguez R., Bogot· D.C. - COLOMBIA, Winradio G303i, JRC NRD 525, SONY 2010, Antenas hilos de varias longitudes, playdx yg via DXLD)

** PERU. 4955, R. Cultural Amauta, 2315 ad with phone # at tune-in, then talk by kids mentioning "voz cristiana", then live M over what sounded like band tuning up. Mention of campesino. 2323 more talk by kids of "palabra de dios", "Cristo", "EspÌritu Santo", and peruana. M and young lady at 2358. Lady seemed on the verge of tears. Different M and W at 0004 mentioning radio and Provincia de Huanta. Suddenly disappeared in mid-sentence at 0135:47*. Surprisingly good signal!! Very quiet conditions on good OA opening. (16 Oct.) [was it 16 Oct before or after 0000 UT? gh]

3329.54, Ondas del Huallaga, 2334, excited talk by M about Huancayo and Per˙. Recognized usual W in canned announcement before going into lively OA tropical music. Nice canned ID by M 2341 between songs. Massive QRM from CHU. With E1 adjusted just right, it was better than on the NRD-535D!!! (16 Oct.) (Dave Valko, Dunlo PA, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

** PHILIPPINES. 15285, R. Pilipinas/VOP, 0222-0239, Oct 17, in English, program "Dateline Philippines", many IDs: "Radio Pilipinas Overseas Service, The Voice of the Philippines", "The Philippines, the pearl of the Orient", fair-poor, QRM from strong Firedrake on 15290. Very good overall reception on 19m. When listening in Shanghai I found this to be one of the most regularly heard stations, but fairly rare for me to catch them in Calif (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PHILIPPINES. FEBC in Indo at *2230 on 9435 heard at good level, goes into English/Indo gospel program in first half of transmission; better than 7370 which also signs on at same time in Chinese (Joe Hanlon, NJ, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** POLAND [non]. October 4, 1200-1259 UT, Polish Radio, English, 9525, SINPO 45334, NEWS, Europe East, Chart Show (Polish Pop Scene)
October 12, 1200-1259 UT, Polish Radio, English, 9525, SINPO 55445, NEWS, Europe East, In-Touch (Listener Letters)

Note: Polish Radio is an excellent verifier for correct reports, even to listeners outside of Europe! E-Mail reports to: english.section @ polishradio.pl (Tim Marecki, Tallahassee FL, ptsw yg via DXLD) No PR broadcasts are from Poland; do they specify sites, such as this one via Wertachtal, Germany? And B-08 switching to 9450 at 1300-1359 (gh)

** PORTUGAL. RDPI, 11630 at 2349 Oct 17; this is 100 kW, 261 degrees to Mexico, CAm, Caribbean, NW SAm; at 2354 checked // 9715, and found it extremely strong, and splattering plus and minus 30 kHz. Unlike Phil Rafuse on PEI, who previously found this transmission almost hi-fi worthy of widest bandwidth, I found it too distorted to qualify for that, but it is certainly potent, 300 kW at 300 degrees to NAm. Both are scheduled only Mon-Fri 2300-0200 Tue-Sat (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PORTUGAL. DRM on 13655-13660-13665, Oct 20 at 1423, interfering with some analog station on 13665, evidently Moldova site. DW via Sines is scheduled with DRM at 90 degrees, 35 kW, On Oct 20, 23-25 only (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PORTUGAL. This is the B08 schedule of the RDPi - R. Portugal:

#) special broadcasts only: they may use the full period or just parts thereof, usually announced during the previous day's broadcast.

>> Europe 45∫ 300 kW exc. S= via Sines 55∫ 250 kW <<

0600-0700 M-F 12130
0700-1300 M-F 9815
0745-0900 M-F 11660 S
0800-1200 S+S 12020
0930-1100 S+S 9815 S
1200-1500 S+S 11885
1500-1700 S+S 11635
1700-2000 M-F 9455
2000-2300 all days 9795 #
2300-2400 all days 7145 #

>> India + M East 81.5∫ 100 kW <<

1400-1600 M-F 15690

>> Africa 144∫/beam STP-AGL-MOZ-AFS 300 kW <<

0800-1500 Sat+Sun 15520
1100-1300 M-F 15690
1500-1700 Sat-Sun 15520
1700-2000 M-F 13720

1700-2100 Sat+Sun 13720
2000-2400 M-F 11825 #

>> N America 300∫ 300 kW <<
0000-0300 Tues-Sat 9455
1300-1700 M-F 15560 #
1300-1700 Sat+Sun 15560
1700-1900 M-F 17825 #
1700-1900 Sat+Sun 17825
1900-2100 Sat+Sun 12040
1900-2400 M-F 12040 #
2100-2400 Sat+Sun 12040 #

[12040 will collide with HCJB in Germans after 2230, aimed SE but good signal too in NAm --- gh, WORLD OF RADIO 1431]

>> CeAm (Venezuela in particular) 261∫ 100 kW <<

0000-0300 Tues-Sat 9855

>> SoAm+WAfr (Brazil, C. Verde + Guinea in particular) 226∫ 300 kW <<

1100-1700 Sat+Sun 21655
1700-2000 M-F 15465
1700-2100 Sat+Sun 15465
2000-2400 all days 11960 #

>> S America (Brazil in particular) 226∫ 300 kW <<

0000-0300 Tues-Sat 11655

73, (Carlos GonÁalves, Portugal, Oct 18, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Tnx also to Luis Carvalho for another version of this in dxldyg (gh)

** ROMANIA. Since Oct 8th the 3rd SW transmitter center Saftica of Romanian National Radio / RRI via Continental 100 kW unit on air again after modernization, daily as follows.

These are European continental services:

	A-08 til Oct 25		B-08 from Oct 26, 2008	
ROMANIAN	1200-1256	7165	1300-1356	9610
ITALIAN	1400-1426	7170	1500-1526	7160
AROMANIAN	1430-1456	7170	1530-1556	6105
UKRAINIAN	1500-1526	7210	1600-1626	6130
SERBIAN	1530-1556	6135	1630-1656	6025
ITALIAN	1600-1626	9620	1700-1726	9855
AROMANIAN	1630-1656	7135	1730-1756	6015

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UKRAINIAN 1700-1726 6135  1800-1826 7160
SERBIAN   1730-1756 6105  1830-1856 7130
ITALIAN   1800-1826 7130  1900-1926 6180
AROMANIAN 1830-1856 7130  1930-1956 6110
UKRAINIAN 1900-1926 7205  2000-2026 5960
SERBIAN   1930-1956 6130  2030-2056 5970
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73 wb (Wolfgang B¸schel, Oct 19, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ROMANIA. 6150, Radio Romania Intl. (Galbeni). 0303-0355*. 10 Oct 08. English. This was a very nice broadcast with a brief news portion and featuring the following segments: "Travelers' Guide," "Football Facts," "Sky Lark," and "Letter Box." IDs were given after, and during each segment, along with a call for letters. S7/Fair (Joe Wood, TN, MARE Tipsheet via DXLD)

6150, Radio Romania International, 0329, Oct 17, in English, ID and into folk music, recently has had very good reception here (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ROMANIA. Winter B-08 schedule of Radio Romania International:

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ARABIC    0730-0756 on 11710 11905 15155 15330
          1500-1556 on  9655 11730 11880 15235
AROMANIAN 1530-1556 on  6105
          1730-1756 on  6015
          1930-1956 on  6110
CHINESE   0500-0526 on 15160 17870
          1400-1426 on  9660 12005
ENGLISH   0100-0156 on  6145  9515
          0400-0456 on  6115  9515  9690 11895
          0630-0656 on  7180  9690 15135 17780
          1300-1356 on 15105 17745
          1800-1830 on  5875or5895 DRM via KVI 065 kW / 220 deg
          1800-1856 on  7215  9640
          2130-2156 on  6030  6115  7145  9755
          2300-2356 on  6015  6115  7105  9610
FRENCH    0200-0256 on  5975  9515
          0600-0626 on  7170  9610
          1100-1156 on 15150 15255 17790 17845
          1700-1756 on  7135  9690
          2100-2126 on  6030  7120
GERMAN    0700-0726 on  7175  9690
          1200-1256 on  9690 11940
          1700-1730 on  5875 DRM via KVI 065 kW / 160 deg
          1900-1956 on  7125  9525
ITALIAN   1500-1526 on  7160
          1700-1726 on  9855
          1900-1926 on  6180
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ROMANIAN  0100-0156 on  5910  9640
          0200-0256 on  5910  9640
          0500-0556 on  6055  7220 new transmission
          0800-0856 on 11730 15370 15430 17775 Sun "Curierul romanesc"
          0900-0956 on 15380 15430 17745 17775 Sun "Curierul romanesc"
          1000-1056 on 15260 15380 17780 17825 Sun "Curierul romanesc"
          1300-1356 on  9610 11940 15170
          1400-1456 on  9610 11940 15170
          1600-1656 on  9700 11870
          1700-1756 on  7335  9595
          1800-1856 on  7140  9590
          1900-1956 on  7140  9590
          2000-2056 on  7125  9565 new transmission
RUSSIAN   0530-0556 on  6175  7210
          1430-1456 on  9535 11905
          1600-1656 on  6025  7190
SERBIAN   1630-1656 on  6025
          1830-1856 on  7130
          2030-2056 on  5970
SPANISH   0000-0056 on  5960  9525  9665 11960
          0300-0356 on  6140  9635  9765 11825
          2000-2056 on  7140  9620
          2200-2256 on  6070  9575
UKRAINIAN 1600-1626 on  6130
          1800-1826 on  7160
          2000-2026 on  5960
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(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, Oct 21, via DXLD)

** ROMANIA. Harmonics Oct 20: Noise seemed less last night and props were better than I can remember for ages. 1673.990, Radio Craiova, Targu Jiu (tentative), (3 x 558) 1857 UT (Tim Bucknall. Congleton N/W England, Icom IC-R9500 + Welbrook ala 1530 loop, harmonics yg via DXLD)

** RUSSIA. Harmonics Oct 20: Noise seemed less last night and props were better than I can remember for ages.
1692.000, Moscow (2 x 846), 1859 UT.
2988.000, ? V of Russia, St Petersburg or Moldova [2 x 1494?] 1946 UT (Tim Bucknall, Congleton N/W England, Icom IC-R9500 + Welbrook ala 1530 loop, harmonics yg via DXLD)

** RUSSIA. There was a very nice opening to the Russian F.E. today (Oct. 18) at around 0650+. I only heard Radio Rossii ID's so assume them to be the same stations as reported heard in the USA for some time now. I found 5940 (Magadan?) and also that 5920 (Yelizovo-Kamchatka?) was easy to separate from WBOH, which was operating slightly LF. Both were at fair to good level at 0650 and appeared to be in sync with each other. Magadan? 7320 was also audible in

parallel, but much weaker. I lost 5940 in splatter when Bible Voice R. opened up on 5945 via WER around 0700, but 5920 and 7320 continued to be audible.

And when Bulgaria closed at 0700 on 7200 I found Yakutsk at fair to good strength, and this was parallel with a weaker 7345 which appeared when Prague left the frequency around 0658. These two also had the same Rossii but were not in sync with 5940, 5920 or 7320.

Monchegorsk (Murmansk) also became audible on 5930 around 0658 when Prague closed, but the signal was only weak. I tried for Arkhangelsk 6160, but the frequency was buried in splash from ORF 6155 and HRT 6165. - and ALL of these transmissions [see RUSSIA] were affected by rapid fading characteristics (including 5930) so I assume trans-polar, one way or another (Noel R. Green (NW England), dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

B-08 shortly will bring some habitual changes with Magadan shifting from 5940 to 5935, TS WWCR; 5920 back to 6075, etc. (gh, DXLD)

** RUSSIA. FRECUENCIAS PREVISTAS A PARTIR DEL PROXIMO DOMINGO, cambio horario en el Hemisferio Norte, de las transmisiones en EspaÒol de LA VOZ DE RUSIA.
2100-2200 por 5940 y 7340
0100-0200 por 5900 5945 6135 6195 6240 7170
0200-0300 por 5900 5945 6135 7170 9475

El martes prÛximo saldr· al aire el programa n˙mero MIL (1.000) Y SE CONMEMORAR¡N TODOS LOS INFORMES CON UNA QSL ESPECIAL (JUAN FRANCO CRESPO, STAMP JOURNALIST (AIPET), E-43800 VALLS-TARRAGONA (ESPA—A-SPAIN-ESPAGNE-SPANIEN), Oct 22, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SAINT HELENA. Re: Test heard in Denmark --- Dear Anker, Many thanks for the e-mail you sent to me in regards to the short wave test which took place on Friday 3rd Oct. Yes, there were some minor problems with the modulation but that was soon rectified by Derek, also I had to use some Equalisation from the main mixing desk in the studio, this was to minimise the Bass and add Treble, this action was taken upon the recommendations of Mr. Kipp. There were Fresh Winds sweeping down from the Peakes which was moving the Antenna but did not seem to cause any other undue problems. All in all the test was a success and we look forward to do the real thing in a few weeks time! I must say that it was a pleasure to receive so many emails from DXers around the world who were tuning in to the test. Best regards from (Gary Walters, Station Manager, Radio Saint Helena, via Petersen, DSWCI DX Window Oct 15 via DXLD)

11092.5, Radio St. Helena, special double anniversary QSL #262. This

in response of sending a e-mail to Robert Kipp, who in turn forwarded my report. Received in 20 days after posting a follow-up inquiry, for a total time of ten months wait. v/s: G.G. Wells (somewhat illegible to read) (Edward Kusalik, Alberta, CANADA, Oct 19, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SAINT HELENA. I just received an advert for the cruise ship Queen Mary 2. St. Helena is shown as a port call as part of an around-the-world cruise. The ship departs Capetown, RSA on March 25, 2010 headed for Rio, Barbados, and the USA.

This is near the end of a 101 day itinerary that will begin in New York City on January 4, 2010. So by March 25, the ship should have some vacant cabins given the number of passengers and the actuarial tables pertaining to the age group that would normally book such cruises. You can probably board in Capetown on a space-available basis. If you want to sail from New York, you can enjoy the Queen's Suites for only $83,790.

So if you are still owed a QSL card from Radio St. Helena or just want to hear Radio St. Helena on ground wave, this would be a truly luxurious way to do it. You might even get in the Guinness Record Book as having spent the most money to collect a QSL card.

Or possibly the NASWA SWL Fest Meisters might want to hold the 2010 convention aboard ship. The timing is about right. The only problem is that it would have to be retitled to be the Fall SWL Fest as it would be in the southern hemisphere.

More info at http://www.cunard.com/wc2010 or 1-800-7-CUNARD (Joe Buch, FL, Oct 22, Swprograms mailing list via DXLD)

** SAINT KITTS & NEVIS [and non]. 555, ZIZ Basseterre (17 19'N, 62 44'W) OCT 16, 2259 UT - Good; tail end of a report about Antigua and Trinidad & Tobago, then an R&B cover of Air Supply "All Out of Love." OCT 17 0930 - Good; steel drum instrumental, ZIZ ID, and devotional music (Bruce Conti, ME, NRC IDXD via DXLD)

On medium wave, Irish station Hot Country is back on air again today (Oct. 18) via 549 at good strength at my location. Unfortunately, splatter is covering adjacent frequencies, including 555 where I've been hearing what must be ZIZ Basseterre [ST. KITTS] On the 17th at 0630 a BBC ID was heard followed by news summary and more programming. So far I haven't heard a local ID, but what else could it be? (Noel R. Green (NW England), dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SINGAPORE. UK (non): Great signal from BBC Singapore relay with Newshour at 1250 Oct 18, then sports news (including Premiership

soccer update) at 1255 on 11750, while 9740 was poor. Maybe this is a seasonal pattern when hearing Kranji is best at this time of year (Joe Hanlon, NJ, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SLOVAKIA. Time and frequency broadcasting schedule of Radio Slovakia International for winter 2008/2009
(26th October 2008 - 29th March 2009)

Time UTC	Area	Language	Frequency kHz	Azimuth m
0100-0130	North America	English	7230	41 305
	S y C America		9440	31 245
0130-0200	North America	Slovak	7200	41 305
	S y C America		9440	31 245
0200-0230	North America	French	7200	41 305
	S y C America		9440	31 245
0230-0300	South America	Spanish	7230	41 265
	South America		9440	31 245
0700-0730	S Asia, Austr.	English	13715	22 75
	South Asia and Oceania		15460	19 85
0730-0800	S Asia, Austr.	Slovak	13715	22 75
	South Asia and Oceania		15460	19 85
0800-0830	Western Europe	German	5915	49 275
			6055	49 305
1400-1430	Es. Europe, Asia	Russian	9540	31 50
			13710	22 65
1430-1500	Western Europe	German	6055	49 305
			7345	41 285
1530-1600	Western Europe	Spanish	9445	31 265
			11600	25 245
1600-1630	Es. Europe, Asia	Russian	5915	49 50
			6055	49 65
1630-1700	Western Europe	Slovak	5915	49 275
			6055	49 285
1700-1730	Western Europe	German	5915	49 275
			6055	49 285
1730-1800	Western Europe	English	5915	49 275
			6055	49 285
1800-1830	Western Europe	French	5915	49 275
			6055	49 285
1830-1900	Es. Europe, Asia	Russian	5915	49 50
			9485	31 65
1900-1930	Western Europe	German	5915	49 275
			7345	41 285
1930-2000	Western Europe	English	5915	49 275
			7345	41 285
2000-2030	Western Europe	Slovak	5915	49 275

			7345	41	285
2030-2100	Western Europe	French	5915	49	275
			7345	41	285
2100-2130	Western Europe	Spanish	9460	31	245
	South America		11610	25	245

(via JosÈ Miguel Romero, Spain, Oct 22, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1431, DXLD)

** SOMALIA [non]. QSL: 7160, IRIN - UN Office for the Co-ordination of Humanitarian Affairs (via Meyerton). After numerous tries got back an e-mail reply stating that I was hearing their Somali Service and a 'thank you for your e-mail report'. Something better then nothing after all the e-mail attempts. Reports sent to: feedback @ IRINnews.org This came within 24 hours after posting a another e-mail follow-up for a total time of six months for initial report. v/s: Louise Tunbridge (Edward Kusalik, Alberta, CANADA, Oct 19, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Nothing about IRIN in B-08 SENTECH sked below under SOUTH AFRICA. Actually their reluctance to reply may have been because you did not really hear IRIN. Sometimes it may not pay to keep sending follow-ups. I repeat this from DXLD 8-045: (gh)

SOMALIA [non]. Hi Glenn, There seems to be some confusion regarding frequencies for IRIN Radio. The A08 Sentech schedule that appeared in DXLD 8-038 (via Alokesh Gupta) was incomplete:

The heading RFI (Radio France International) was missing and the four RFI transmissions on 11830, 15170, 17525 and 7160 were incorrectly attributed to IRIN Radio instead.

Perhaps this happened when you were tidying up the schedule for publication? The original schedule I sent to Alokesh is attached.

PS: It's interesting to note that I've already received a reception report from somebody who claims they heard IRIN Radio on 7160 kHz!!! (Kathy Otto, HF Coverage Planner, Broadcast Transmission Engineering, Sentech Ltd, April 10, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

This happened at my end while converting the excel file to text. Will send a correction note to all concerned. Regards (Alokesh Gupta, India, ibid.)

So the ONLY IRIN broadcast via South Africa is the one to Somalia at 1730-1745 on 9665 (gh, DXLD) Viz.:

Please correct as follows:

IRIN RADIO

17:30 17:45 9665 100 1234567 Somalia   Unknown

RFI (Radio France International)
06:00 07:00 11830 250 1234567 West Africa   Portuguese
07:00 08:00 15170 250 1234567 West Africa   French
11:00 12:00 17525 250 1234567 Central Africa French
20:00 22:00 7160 250 1234567 Central Africa French (Alokesh Gupta, India, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST, all 8-045, via 8-114)

** SOUTH AFRICA. 11640 with choral music Oct 20 at 0603, seems English? only fair signal. 0605 into talk in English with African accent, deep fades. Is PWBR any help? In this case, probably: shows TWR via South Africa in English at 0600-0630. But this year+old stuff has to be confirmed with current online info, and later found same but scheduled 0600-0645, 500 kW, 320 degrees from Meyerton. Yet this was nowhere as good as Okapi a few minutes earlier with 250 kW at 340 degrees. Aoki clarifies schedule as M-F 0600-0645, Sat/Sun 0600-0615. SENTECH B08 shows TWR the same, target as Nigeria (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Or should we file TWR as NORTH CAROLINA [non]?

** SOUTH AFRICA. Hi Glenn, Hope you are well. Here are details of transmissions scheduled to go out from Meyerton during the B08 season, commencing on 26 October 2008: Day 1 = Monday, Day 2 = Tuesday etc.

Broadcaster Start Stop Frequency Power Days Target Area Language

AWR
 1700 1800 11925 250 1234567 East Africa Swahili/Masai
 1800 1830 3215 100 1234567 Namibia English
 1800 1830 3345 100 1234567 Zimbabwe English
 1800 1830 11830 250 1234567 East Africa English
 1900 1930 15240 250 1234567 West Africa Fulfulde
 1930 2000 11750 250 1234567 West Africa Ibo
 2000 2100 11845 250 1234567 West Africa French/Yoruba

BBC
 0300 0400 6145 100 1234567 West Africa English
 0300 0330 9610 500 1234567 East Africa Swahili
 0300 0600 3255 100 1234567 Southern Africa English
 0300 0600 6190 100 1234567 Southern Africa English
 0400 0500 9650 100 1234567 West Africa English
 0400 0430 15400 250 1234567 East Africa Swahili
 0430 0530 3380 100 12345   S.Mozambique Portuguese
 0430 0530 6145 250 12345   N. Mozambique Portuguese
 0430 0530 7205 500 12345   Angola Portuguese
 0500 0600 11765 100 1234567 West Africa English
 0500 0600 17885 250   6 Central Africa Kirundi
 0530 0600 17885 250   7 Central Africa Kirundi

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 0600 0700 11765 250 1234567 West Africa English
 0600 1600  6190 100 1234567 Southern Africa English
 0600 1600  9860 100 1234567 Southern Africa English
 0700 0730 17695 500 1234567 West Africa French
 0700 0800 17830 500 1234567 West Africa English
 1430 1745 11820 500      6  East Africa Swahili
 1500 1700 15105 500 1234567 East Africa Eng/Swa/Kir
 1600 2200  3255 100 1234567 Southern Africa English
 1600 2200  6190 100 1234567 Southern Africa English
 1700 1900 15420 250 1234567 East Africa English
 1745 1800  7230 500      6  East Africa Swahili
 1745 1800  7230 500 12345 7 East Africa Swahili
 1800 1830  7230 250 1234567 Indian Oc.Isles French
 1800 1830 11865 100 1234567 West Africa French
 2030 2100  3380 100 12345   S.Mozambique Portuguese
 2030 2100  6135 250 12345   N.Mozambique Portuguese
 2030 2100  7260 500 12345   Angola Portuguese
 2100 2200  7445 100 1234567 West Africa English
 2200 2300  6155 100 1234567 West Africa English

Channel Africa
 0300 0400  3345 100 1234567 Southern Afr English
 0300 0400  6120 250 1234567 East Africa Swahili
 0300 0400  7390 500 1234567 East Africa English
 0400 0700  7230 100 1234567 Southern Afr English
 0400 0500  9745 500 1234567 Central Africa French
 0500 0600  9745 500 1234567 West Africa English
 0600 0700 15255 250 1234567 West Afica English
 0700 1600  9625 100 1234567 Southern Afr Eng/Nyanja/Lozi
 1500 1600 17770 500 1234567 East Africa English
 1500 1600 17860 250 1234567 East Africa Swahili
 1600 1700 15235 500 1234567 West Afica French
 1700 1800 15235 500 1234567 West Afica English
 1900 2200  3345 100 1234567 Southern Afr Port/English

China Radio International
 1500 1900  6100 100 1234567 Southern Afr Eng/Chinese

Deutsche Welle
 1900 1930 11690 100 1234567 East Africa English

EDC [Southern Sudan Interactive Radio Instruction]
 0600 0630 15750 500 12345   East Africa Various
 0630 0700 15360 500 1 3 5   East Africa Various
 0630 0700 15745 250 1 3 5   East Africa Various
 1300 1330 15250 250 1 3 5   East Africa Various
 1300 1330 15325 250 1 3 5   East Africa Various
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Family Radio [which makes overseas relay changes almost every week]
 1800 1900  6045 100 1234567 East Africa English
 1900 2000  3230 100 1234567 Southern Afr English
 1900 2000  3955 100 1234567 S.Mozambique Portuguese
 1900 2000  6100 100 1234567 Angola Portuguese
 1900 2000  9660 250 1234567 East Africa Swahili

FEBA
 1545 1700 12125 250 1234567 East Africa Amharic
 1830 1900  7160 100 1234567 Central Africa French

Hirondelle Foundation [Radio Okapi]
 0400 0600 11690 250 1234567 Central Africa French/various
 1600 1700  9635 250 1234567 Central Africa French/various

RFI
 0600 0700 11830 250 1234567 Angola/W.Afr Portuguese
 0700 0800 15170 250 1234567 West Africa French
 1100 1200 17525 250 1234567 Central Africa French
 2000 2200  7160 250 1234567 West Africa French

RNW
 1900 2000 11830 500 12345   Middle East Arabic
 1900 2000 11805 250 1234567 West Africa English [try it in NAm]

Radio Sonder Grense [ex-Springbok Radio]
 0000 0500  3320 100 1234567 N. Cape Afrikaans
 0500 0700  7185 100 1234567 N. Cape Afrikaans
 0700 1800  9650 100 1234567 N. Cape Afrikaans
 1800 2400  3320 100 1234567 N. Cape Afrikaans

SA Radio League [ham DX program]
 0800 0900  7205 100       7 Southern Afr English
 0800 0900 17860 250       7 East Africa English
 1905 2005  3215 100 1       Southern Afr English

Trans World Radio
 0330 0345  7215 250 1234567 Ethiopia Amharic
 0600 0645 11640 500 12345   Nigeria English
 0600 0615 11640 500      67 Nigeria English
 1557 1627  9675 250 12345   Burundi Kirundi
 1625 1655  9660 500 12345   Somalia Somali
 1625 1640  9660 500       7 Somalia Somali
 1645 1730  9920 250      6  Ethiopia Various
 1645 1745  9920 250       7 Ethiopia Various
 1645 1800  9920 250 12345   Ethiopia Various
 1657 1712  9660 500 12345   Sudan Juba
 1718 1733  7265 250 1 34 6  Mozambique Yao
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 1718 1748  7265 250  2  5 7 Mozambique Yao
 1840 1925  9720 250       7 West Africa French
 1840 1940  9720 250 12 4    West Africa French/Moore
 1910 1940  9720 250   3     West Africa French/Moore
 1925 1940  9720 250     5   West Africa Moore

VOA
 0600 0700  9885 100 1234567 West Africa English
 1400 1500 15530 250 1234567 Middle East Kurdish
 1400 1500 17750 250 1234567 Central Africa English
 1530 1700  6080 100 1234567 West Africa English
 1600 1630 17785 250      6  East Africa Kirundi
 2030 2100  9780 250 12345   West Africa Hausa
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** SOUTH CAROLINA [non]. Brother Scare on WWRB, 3185, Oct 18 at 0605 was saying in addition to 7185 [sic], Brother Dave at WWRB was going to put him on a lower [sic] frequency which might give better coverage at night, 3270, maybe tonight. Well, nothing on 3270 at the moment; WWRB has used it in the past but it is not currently coˆrdinated there nor for B-08, but I suppose WWRB can have it again if they want it [see below]

B.S. went on to brag about how various brothers and sisters were sending him tens of thousands of dollars at a pop, and how most of that was going to buying more airtime; and gloating how his ministry eclipses such minor players as Texe Marrs, etc., since B.S. purveys the True Word of God and they don`t.

If not on WWRB yet, the money to burn was evident a few hours later, it being The Sabbath, when his live service, where he gets even more worked up than usual, appeared not only on WWRB 9385 and WINB 9265, but also on WBCQ 15420 and 9330!

At 1402 found horrible mix on 15420 of Hammond(?) organ music and DW Russian via UK, a collision I had warned WBCQ about as soon as they planned to use 15420 last spring. WBCQ is as usual slightly off-frequency making the mix worse. So much for being able to hear DW`s ``Muzprosvet`` avant-garde music show Saturdays at 1430.

Not being able to get another frequency or to get DW to move, after a few tests, WBCQ held off opening 15420 so early, but now with B.S. money to be wasted, it`s on the air, and tough luck for anyone axually wanting to listen to B.S. or DW on that frequency. If they could have waited another two weeks, DW will be gone from 15420, altho BBC will

still be using it in B-08 between 1200 and 1900 from Seychelles, Cyprus, South Africa.

While the two WBCQ channels were synchronized, 9265 and 9385 were all out of synch with each other. It was not until 1414 that I noticed 9330 WBCQ was also back on the air, and that 9265 was still on altho some days it closes around 1400 instead of scheduled 1200.

P.S. It seems I hear B.S. whenever I check 7415 at random in the evening. Just how much time is he on there now, anyway? WBCQ schedule update as of Oct 21 shows:

The Overcomer Ministry, Web: http://www.overcomerministry.org

Su 9330 10:00AM 12:00PM ET 1400 1600 UTC
Su 7415 08:00PM 11:00PM ET 0000 0300 UTC

Mo 9330 10:00AM 12:00PM ET 1400 1600 UTC
Mo 7415 10:00PM 11:00PM ET 0200 0300 UTC

Tu 9330 10:00AM 12:00PM ET 1400 1600 UTC
Tu 7415 09:00PM 10:00PM ET 0100 0200 UTC
Tu 7415 10:00PM 11:00PM ET 0200 0300 UTC

We 9330 10:00AM 12:00PM ET 1400 1600 UTC
We 7415 09:00PM 10:00PM ET 0100 0200 UTC
We 7415 10:00PM 11:00PM ET 0200 0300 UTC

Th 9330 10:00AM 12:00PM ET 1400 1600 UTC
Th 7415 09:00PM 10:00PM ET 0100 0200 UTC
Th 7415 10:00PM 11:00PM ET 0200 0300 UTC

Fr 9330 10:00AM 12:00PM ET 1400 1600 UTC
Fr 7415 09:00PM 11:00PM ET 0100 0300 UTC

Sa 9330 10:00AM 12:00PM ET 1400 1600 UTC

So on 9330 that is daily for 2 hours = 14 hours per week.
15420 not shown tho we heard him there too at least on Saturdeay.
On 7415: 0100-0300, four nights a week, 3 hours on local Sunday, 1 hour on Monday, none on Saturday = 12 hours per week. Total: 26 h per week (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1431, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

3270, Overcomer Broadcasts via WWRB, Tennessee with preaching from Brother Stair about the horrible state of our world. I didn't know that we are the "last generation" --- kinda makes going to work pointless so I guess I'll sleep in tomorrow. Also a little bit of singing and ID at TOH 0200 on Oct. 22. Haven't seen this listed

anywhere so could be a new frequency. Solid 55455 with only slight static (Steve Wood, S. Yarmouth, MA, Drake R8B, 70 x 30 E/W Flag antenna with E termination, NASWA yg via DXLD)

Brother Scare is now on a reactivated WWRB frequency, 3270 in the evenings, presumably ex-unheard 5745, altho I think he also used to be on 6890; around 0230 UT Oct 22, tnx to a tip from Steve Wood, NASWA. I had heard B.S. four nights earlier saying 3270 was about to activate. Good thing Namibia is no longer on SW. Other WWRB programming continues on 3185, and I suppose B.S. still takes over there later in the night.

Rechecking 15420 to see if Brother Scare was again on WBCQ at 1406 Oct 22, good signal from DW Russian via UK had some lite QRM, but unseemed B.S., probably BBC Seychelles. B.S. was on WBCQ 9330-, slightly low in frequency as ever, but no het from anything, same program as WWRB 9385 but many seconds out of synch. Overcomer is now sked on WBCQ 9330 daily at 1400-1600, but latest WBCQ sked update does not show 15420 for him at all, where we heard him the previous Saturday. He also has 1, 2 or 3 hours on 7415 every night except UT Sundays (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1431, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Glenn and Steve, Measured WWRB on 3269.95, from 0140-0203, Oct 17, began with transmitter cutting in and out for a few minutes, in English with preaching, talking about the Chinese Olympics, ToH ID, preaching continued (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, ibid.)
More B.S.: see GERMANY for 3975 test

** SPAIN. CAMBIOS EN AMIGOS DE LA ONDA CORTA DE REE --- En el programa de Amigos de la Onda Corta de REE del pasado s·bado 11 de octubre 2008, nos informa su director, Antonio Buitrago de lo siguiente:

ìLa pasada semana Amigos de la Onda Corta entrevistÛ a la directora de REE, Josefina BenÈitez, la nueva responsable del Canal Internacional de RNE, y nos seÒalÛ varias novedades, principalmente en cuanto a contenidos. Habr· bloques de programaciÛn de maÒana, tarde y noche, a lo largo de los cuales se intercalar·n algunos programas, y sobre todo, la actualidad.

Por lo que respecta a nuestro espacio les dirÈ que hay buenas noticias, pese a que nos habÌan dicho que Ìbamos a cambiar de nombre al programa, Amigos de la Onda Corta sigue como tal, y por cierto, damos las gracias a quienes nos ofrecieron nuevos tÌtulos para este espacio, pero la verdad, muchos pens·bamos que era muy difÌcil encontrar un nuevo nombre al programa.

Por otra parte, seguimos con el mismo espÌritu y las mismas intenciones de siempre, ser testigos de lo que ocurre en el campo de

las telecomunicaciones, y en especial de la radio y el diexismo. Pero tambiÈn a nosotros nos van a afectar los cambios, y son significativos, en parte.

Amigos de la Onda Corta durar· 55 minutos, asÌ ser·, pero con un cierto matiz, como nuestro propio nombre indica, los amigos de la onda corta, va a aglutinar a todos los amantes de la radio, los radioescuchas y oyentes que tienen en nosotros a esa emisora amiga.

Por tanto, cuando llegue el cambio de programaciÛn, a partir del 26 de octubre, tambiÈn sumiremos el compromiso con aquellas personas que demanden alguna informaciÛn sobre Radio exterior de EspaÒa, que deseen hacer alguna consulta, intercambiar direcciones postales, etc., en definitiva, seremos tambiÈn el buzÛn de Radio Exterior de EspaÒa, o el correo del oyente de Radio Exterior de EspaÒa. Contestaremos tambiÈn la correspondencia de todo tipo que llegue a la emisora.î

Link para escuchar este y otros programas:
http://programasdx4.podomatic.com/

Link de la p·gina del programa en REE:
http://www.rtve.es/programas/amigosdelaondacorta

Cordiales 73 (JosÈ Bueno, CÛrdoba, EspaÒa, Oct 18, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

The are keeping the original name after all, not having been able to come up with a better one, expanding it to 55 minutes and combining it with a mailbag show. Times and frequencies?? (gh, DXLD) see COSTA RICA

** SRI LANKA. SLBC RESTART THEIR TAMIL SERVICE ON 873 KHZ --- due to heavy loss of advertisement revenue and huge maintanance expenses, recently SLBC shut down their MW (Tamil) service on 873 kHz. But Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation yesterday announced that 873 will restart 22.10.2008 onwards. The new name for the MW 873 is then Indiya Sevai (South India service). Time - 0130-0530 UT; listen to Tamil programmes on 873 kHz tomorrow onwards (K Raja, Chennai DX Club, 21, J.P. Koil Street, Old Washermenpet, Chennai-600021, Tamil Nadu, S. India, Oct 20, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SRI LANKA [non]. GERMANY. MEDIA & BROADCAST UPDATE:
IBC Tamil Radio from Oct. 8:
0000-0100 NF 5935 NAU 250 kW / 103 deg to SoAs in Tamil,
ex 7205 WER 250 kW / 105 deg
73! (Ivo Ivanov, Bulgaria, Oct 15, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

In 8-111, Al Muick reported it still on 7205 Oct 8 (gh, DXLD)

Dear Ivo Ivanov, But Still IBC Tamil broadcast in 7205 kHz?!
14-10-2008 Reception: 0000 UT-23322, 0030 UT-34333, 0045 UT-44444.
73 (Sakthi, India, Oct 16, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

And in B-08 supposed to switch to 6045 via Wertachtal (gh, DXLD)

** SWEDEN [and non]. I had already noticed with alarm that tentative B-08 skeds failed to show R. Sweden on 15240 any longer, either direct or via Canada; an oversight, or not yet complete?

No, Radio Sweden is deleting its morning services in English to North America! At the end of the Saturday Oct 18 broadcast, George Wood announced the B-08 English schedule. I ran across it first at 1355 on 15735 direct, but that was fading, so reconfirmed an hour later on 11640 via Canada:

Europe/Africa/Mideast: 1430 on 9400, 1530 on 9360
plus MW 1179 at 1730, 1830, 2000
Africa also via Madagascar: 2030 on 9895, 2130 on 7395
Asia/Pacific: 1330 on 7465, 1430 on 9400
also via Madagascar at 0230 on 11550
North America: via Canada at 0230 and 0330 on 6010

That`s it. That`s all. Always positively spinning, George put it this way ``Continuing relay from Sackville on 6010 at 0230 and 0330``.

NO: ``sorry, but no more service to North America at breakfast time``. Not a word about blowing off morning listeners in North America! I for one frequently listen in the mornings, but never in the evenings. Could this be because the Sackville antenna for 15240 supposedly failed a few weeks ago, and 11640 had to be used instead? So if they can`t go back to 15240, just quit? 11640 is working just fine and 25m would have continued to do so all winter. Of course the first broadcast on 15240 at 1230 has been direct from Hˆrby anyway. North Americans can try for 9400 direct at 1330 or 1430, but results last winter were not good here.

15735 cut off the air abruptly at 1358* when George was about to give the mailing address for a printed schedule. After all these years, Hˆrby still cannot get coˆrdinated with the Stockholm studio or vice versa (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1431, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hmmm, could it be that they are going to terminate shortwave for Europe except CIS altogether? At least no English on the well-known 6065 anymore.

Tentative info indicates that 9400 aims at South Asia while 9360 is for North Africa (eastern part) and the Middle East. Both can provide

only secondary coverage of Europe, with a rather extended skip distance. And the UK/Ireland will get only minor sidelobe signals.

And could it be that the other way round RCI decided to reduce its use of Hˆrby, thus curtailing the airtime contingent available for SR at Sackville, so bringing an end to the morning transmissions? Tentative info suggests for RCI via Hˆrby 0000-0200 Mandarin and English on 5840, 0300-0400 Arabic on 5840, too, and that's all. Nothing in the evening anymore (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Oct 18, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

RADIO SWEDEN B08 (October 26, 2008 - March 29, 2009)

Asia and the Pacific
0230-0300 11550 (50) via Madagascar
1330-1400 7465 (40)
1430-1500 9400 (100)

Europe, Africa and the Middle East
1430-1500 9400 (70)
1530-1600 9360 (125)
1730-1800 MW 1179
1830-1900 MW 1179
2000-2030 MW 1179
2030-2100 9895 (320) via Madagascar
2130-2200 7395 (280) via Madagascar
2230-2300 5850 (140-240 } + MW 1179

North America
0230-0300 6010 (268 } via Sackville
0330-0400 6010 (277 } via Sackville
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This HF schedule is copy-pasted from R Sweden website (via Dragan Lekic, Serbia, Oct 18, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1431, DXLD)

And here is the rest of it, non-English:

Radio Sweden B-08 schedule. Time UT.

Arabic to Middle East
1730-1800 7465 125 (Monday-Friday)

Assyrian/Aramaic to Middle East
1600-1630 9360 125 (Thursday-Friday)

Belarusian to Europe (Saturday-Tuesday)
1830-1900 6065 (100)

2100-2130 5840 (100)

Farsi to Middle East
1600-1630 9360 110 (Wednesday-Friday)

Kurdish to Middle East
1630-1700 9360 140 (Monday-Friday)

Romani to Middle East and Southern Europe
2130-2200 5840 145 (Saturday-Sunday)
2200-2300 5840 145 (Saturday-Sunday)
2300-0000 1179 (Saturday)

Russian to Europe and Asia (daily)
1400-1430 9530 (55)

Russian to Europe (daily)
1500-1530 5850 (55)
1730-1800 6065 (70)
1930-2000 6065 (70) + 1179
2030-2100 5850 (85) + 1179

Swedish to Europe, Africa and the Middle East
Monday-Friday:
0500-0600 P1 9490 (125)
0600-0800 P1 6065 (140 -240)
1400-1430 RS 9490 (125)
1500-1530 RS 9360 (125)
1645-1715 P1 5865 (140 -240)
1700-1730 RS 7475 (70) + 7465 (140)
1800-1830 RS 5865 (140 -240)
1900-1930 RS 5865 (140 -240) + 7465 (220)
2000-2030 RS 5850 (140 -240) + 9895 (320) via Madagascar
2100-2130 RS 7395 (280) via Madagascar
2100-2200 P1 5850 (140 -240)
2200-2230 RS 5850 (140 -240)
Saturday:
1400-1430 RS 9490 (125)
1500-1530 RS 9360 (125)
1645-1715 P1 5865 (140 -240)
1700-1730 RS 7475 (70) + 7465 (140)
1800-1830 RS 5865 (140 -240)
1900-1930 RS 5865 (140 -240) + 7465 (220)
2000-2030 RS 5850 (140 -240) + 9895 (320) via Madagascar
2100-2130 RS 7395 (280) via Madagascar
2100-2200 P1 5850 (140 -240)
2200-2230 RS 5850 (140 -240)
Sunday:

1400-1430 RS 9490 (125)
1500-1530 RS 9365 (125)
1645-1700 P1 5865 (140 -240)
1700-1730 RS 7475 (70) + 7465 (140)
1800-1830 RS 5865 (140 -240)
1900-1930 RS 5865 (140 -240) + 7465 (220)
2000-2030 RS 5850 (140 -240) + 9895 (320) via Madagascar
2100-2130 RS 7395 (280) via Madagascar
2100-2200 P1 5850 (140 -240)
2200-2230 RS 5850 (140 -240)

Swedish to East Asia
1200-1215 RS 7420 (40) Monday-Friday
1200-1230 RS 7420 (40) Saturday-Sunday
1315-1330 RS 7465 (40) Monday-Friday

Swedish to South-Eastern Asia and Australia
0200-0230 RS 11550 (50) daily via Madagascar
1215-1230 RS 11550 (70) Monday-Friday
1300-1315 RS 11675 (80) Monday-Friday
1300-1330 RS 11675 (80) Saturday-Sunday
1400-1430 RS 9400 (70) + 11540 (95) daily

Swedish to South America
0000-0030 RS 9490 (163) via Canada
0030-0100 RS 6100 (227) via Canada

Swedish to North America [also canceled in mornings]
0200-0230 RS 6010 (240) via Canada
0300-0330 RS 6010 (277) via Canada

Swedish to Europe on 1179 kHz (Soelvesborg, Sweden, 600 kW)
Daily:
0455-0700 P1
1645-1730 P1
1800-1830 RS (P4 on Sundays)
1900-1930 RS
2100-2200 P1
2200-2230 RS

P1 - Swedish Radio 1st channel
P4 - Swedish Radio 4th channel (Sport)
RS - Radio Sweden (External Service)

(from http://www.sr.se via Aleksandr Diadischev, Dniprorudne, Ukraine
(via Roberto Scaglione, shortwave yg via DXLD)

** SYRIA. Hello Glenn, Great news. The German program audio files of

Radio Damascus are now effectively online and ready to download at the following link: http://www.rtv.gov.sy/index.php?m=31 ("Deutsches Programm" at the end of the page).

I just downloaded the program of Friday (Freitag) and yesterday, Saturday (Sonnabend). Download was slow but when the download was finished, I was able to listen to the program in excellent digital quality with the VLC-mediaplayer on a Mac OSX system.

Let's hope the English program and other language departments will follow soon now! Greetings from Belgium (Kris Janssen, Oct 19, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Correspondence address, times and frequencies and program guide :

Radio Damascus
English Language Section
P.O. Box 4702
Damascus
Syrian Arab Republic

The times and frequencies are :
1600-1700 UTC/GMT Turkish daily 9330 Khz and satellite
1700-1800 UTC/GMT Russian daily 9330 Khz and satellite
1800-1900 UTC/GMT German daily 9330 Khz and satellite
1900-2000 UTC/GMT French daily 9330 Khz and satellite
2000-2100 UTC/GMT English daily on satellite
2100-2200 UTC/GMT English daily 9330 Khz and satellite
2200-2300 UTC/GMT Spanish daily 9330 Khz and satellite

783 Khz Mediumwave :
1500 - 1730 UTC/GMT Hebrew
1730 - 1800 UTC/GMT Russian

Satellite : If you are having difficulties listening to Radio Damascus on shortwave, you can tune in on satellite with excellent audio quality. Radio Damascus can be heard on satellite on the Radio Sout Al-Sha'ab (Voice of the People) channel during the evenings.

Hot Bird 3 at 13.0 E : 12380 Mhz
Nilesat 101 at 7.0 W : 11823 Mhz
Badr 4 at 26.0 E : 12054 Mhz

The Program Schedule : The daily transmission start always with the news, followed by press reviews and commentaries.

Kind greetings (Kris Janssen, Belgium, Oct 19, http://www.radio-damascus-listeners-club.tk/ Cumbre DX via DXLD)

** SYRIA. 12085, Syrian Arab Broadcasting Service verified in 216 days with a full data logo card, sticker, program schedule and a copy of the March 10th English edition of the Syrian Times (Rich DíAngelo, PA, DSWCI DX Window Oct 15 via DXLD)

** TAIWAN [non]. FRANCE/TAIWAN, 3965, RTI in English to the British Isles. 1800-1900 UT at main azimuth 345 degrees. Results in deep fading signal here at my location, approx. 70 degrees from Issoudun transmitter site. Here only S=7 signal, not 9+ power like German at 2100 UT, and Spanish at 2000 UT Oct 17 (Wolfgang B¸schel, Stuttgart, Germany, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TAIWAN [non]. FRANCE/GUIANA FRENCH Winter B-08 schedule of Radio Taiwan International via TDF
0200-0258 on 9800 GUF 500 kW / 195 deg to SoAm Spanish
1400-1458 on 15430 ISS 500 kW / 060 deg to EaEu Russian
1600-1658 on 9785 ISS 500 kW / 085 deg to SoAs English, 11995 Mar 1 +
1700-1758 on 6120 ISS 500 kW / 055 deg to EaEu Russian, 9840 Mar 1 +
1700-1758 on 11850 ISS 500 kW / 160 deg to SoAf English, 15690 Mar 1 +
1800-1858 on 3965 ISS 250 kW / 345 deg to WeEu English
1900-1958 on 9365 ISS 500 kW / 190 deg to NoAf French, 11875 Mar 1 +
2000-2058 on 3965 ISS 500 kW / 215 deg to SoEu Spanish
2100-2158 on 3965 ISS 250 kW / 050 deg to WeEu German
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, Oct 21, via DXLD)

** TAIWAN. ILLEGAL RADIO STATIONS MUSHROOMING DESPITE CLAMPDOWN IN TAIWAN --- Central News Agency, By Elizabeth Hsu, 18 October 2008

The National Communication Commission (NCC) has recently stepped up clampdown on unlicensed radio stations around the country, but admitted this would only serve to temporarily reduce the number of such stations.

Chen Chuan-ping, director of the NCC Northern Regional Regulatory Department, said Saturday that the crackdown has resulted in halving the number of illegal radio stations in Taiwan to around 50. However, based on past experience, the number would soon bounce back to 100, he added. . . http://www.etaiwannews.com/etn/news_content.php?id=766535 (via Mike Terry, dxldyg and via Zacharias Liangas, DXLD)

** TURKEY. Live from Turkey coming in quite well on VOT 15450, Thu Oct 16 at 1300+ tune-in, long phone/internet report from correspondent at the Frankfurt Book Fair, where Turkey is the honored guest country, and also the Turkish Nobel Prize winner in literature is present; seems his stuff is more popular abroad (in translation, presumably) than in Turkey where his style makes for tough reading (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TURKEY. FAREWELL --- Dear Colleagues, We are changing our working area in TRT. We want to express to you our sincere gratitude for your efforts and kind cooperation for getting the monitoring results. Please accept our warmest and sincere wishes. From now on Ms. Elvan Boratav and Ms. Serife Telliel will be responsible for the HFBC Issues. Please change the e-mail addresses as follows:
elvan.boratav @ trt.net.tr
serife.telliel @ trt.net.tr
Best Regards (Sedef Somaltin ñ Kiymet Erdal, Chief Engineer - TRT, Oct 13, via George Poppin, DXLD)

** TURKEY. V of Turkey English schedule announcement at the close of each transmission has had a strange entry lately: besides the 1830, 2030, 2200 and 0300 broadcasts on the correct frequencies, it inserts 2300 on 5960! As heard at the end of Live from Turkey at 1920 Tue Oct 21, and the week before. Come to think of it, I believe he omitted the 1230 broadcast too. Engage brain before reading copy. You can`t have both 2300 and 2200 unless there has been a big change --- 2200 is the A-season time, 2300 the B-season time, and indeed it was at 2300 on 5960 last winter, and will be again shortly.

The tentative B-08 VOT English schedule shows, all 500 kW Emirler except 7325:

1330 on 11735 at 95 degrees, 12035 at 310 degrees [so try it in NAm]
1930 on 6050 at 310 degrees
2130 on 7180 at 105 degrees
2300 on 5960 at 310 degrees to Eu/NAm
0400 on 6020 at 335 degrees to WNAm, 7240 at 138 degrees and
        7325 at 277 degrees, 250 kW via Sackville to USA
(Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1431, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TURKEY. Esta maÒana 22 de octubre, escuchÈ mientras monitoreaba RFA, una emisiÛn que no la tengo en el horario AOKI, se trata de LA VOZ DE TURQUÕA en los 9700 con transmision en Pashto o Dari INJA ANKARA - The Voice of Turkey, con una seÒal muy buena. ES SALUDOS / GOOD LUCK / (JUAN FRANCO CRESPO, STAMP JOURNALIST (AIPET), E-43800 VALLS-TARRAGONA (ESPA—A-SPAIN-ESPAGNE-SPANIEN), Oct 22, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

They did start such a service recently but I don`t see it on any schedule for 9700; time??? The do have Albanian at 0600-0630 on 9700. Nor is RFA on 9700 at any time, so is that frequency correct? The VOT Pashtu service is on 11730 at 1500-1600, but ``Inja`` ID would be Dari/Persian, not Pashtu (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

Estimado Guillermo: Gracias por la respuesta, tenÌa que salir de casa

y no me parÈ a mirar m·s datos, efectivamente la frecuencia corresponde al programa en albanÈs que, teÛricmaente, viene m·s tarde, pero me extraÒaba el idioma, la hora (0530, por lo tanto todavÌa no estaba en el aire el programa albanÈs que aparece en esa frecuencia) y la identificaciÛn INJA ANKARA... De ahÌ que no sepa si verdaderamente hubo cambios (los idiomas asi·ticos son muy difÌciles de entender para mÌ y en muchas ocasiones todos los del tumultuoso mundo de IRAN/ PAKISTAN/ AFGANISTAN/ etc. Me suenan igual. Tendremos que afinar el oÌdo. De todas maneras imagino que esta semana habr· muchos cambios motivados por el cambio horario en el Hemisferio Norte (Juan Franco Crespo, ibid.)

** TURKEY. Harmonics Oct 20: Noise seemed less last night and props were better than I can remember for ages. 2807.995, TRT 4, Catalca (tentative) (4 x 702), 1945 UT (Tim Bucknall. Congleton N/W England, Icom IC-R9500 + Welbrook ala 1530 loop, harmonics yg via DXLD)

** UGANDA. 4750, Radio Dunamis/Dunamys, according to the ID at 1830 UT, next religious program in vernacular and French til 1902 when was the close down on 4750 kHz. Unid station was heard till 1746 when f/out also on 4750 kHz poor signal, probably Bangladesh on Oct 9th (Rumen Pankov, Bulgaria, Oct 12, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Oct 16 via DXLD)

** U K. HOW RADIO COMEDY CHANGED A NATION

Radio comedy has not only entertained audiences for some 70 years, it's also been a medium for change in British society itself, says Nicholas Parsons.

Radio has always been a part of my life. My earliest memories of entertainment are sitting at home with the family around our wireless listening to the variety show Music Hall on a Saturday night. We would hear working class comedians like Rob Wilton and Elsie and Doris Waters, Gert and Daisy as they were known, as well as entertainers of a different genre or background.

Then in 1938, as a youngster I became a fan of a wonderful new scripted show called Bandwaggon. Starring "Big Hearted Arthur" Askey, who was a working class fellow living with an upper crust gent, Richard "Stinker" Murdoch. I believe this show helped to start a subtle blurring of class divisions. . . [more]

How Radio Comedy Changed A Nation will be broadcast on BBC Radio 4 on Saturday 18th Oct at 8pm --- Story from BBC NEWS [much more]:
http://news.bbc.co.uk/go/pr/fr/-/2/hi/uk_news/magazine/7676195.stm
Published: 2008/10/17 17:12:30 GMT © BBC MMVIII
(via Dan Say, BC, DXLD) So ondemand until 25 Oct at 1930 UT (gh)

** U K. THE STRAND: BBC WORLD SERVICE LAUNCHES NEW ARTS SHOW WITH STELLAR GUEST LINE-UP === Date: 20.10.2008

Roger Moore, Toni Morrison, Candace Bushnell, Neil Gaiman and Curtis Sittenfeld will appear on BBC World Service's brand-new daily arts and entertainment show, The Strand, during the launch week from Monday 27 October. Presented by Harriett Gilbert and Mark Coles, the half-hour programme takes listeners on a worldwide journey through arts, culture and entertainment. . .
http://www.bbc.co.uk/pressoffice/pressreleases/stories/2008/10_october/20/strand.shtml
(BBC Press Office via DXLD)

Shortwave air times to West Africa include 0930 M-F, 1430 M-F, and 0030 Tu-Sa. The 1430 airing has a decent chance to propagate to the Eastern USA.

The live "infotainment" webcast shows air times of 1030, 1530, 1930, 2330 (all of these M-F), and 0230 (Tu-Sa).

Sirius listeners get 0930 weekdays. XM listeners probably more often than that. No idea if the pending consolidation of XM and Sirius programming will see one of the two World Service streams dropped.

The program will also be available online; don't know if a podcast will be part of the online mix (Richard Cuff / Allentown, PA USA, swprograms via DXLD)

** U S A. Navy MARS calls were originally N0 plus three letters. Then to make it absolutely clear that these were USA, N was changed to NNN. Now they`ve expanded to four characters after the zero and they are both alfa and numeric. Sat Oct 18 at 1315 found an SSB net on 4825 with NNN0AS74 discussing updated Navy MARS manuals being available only in pdf from a website, print them yourself if you`ve got to have them on paper, with NNN0KODT, who was stronger, altho AS74 seemed to be the NCS. Neither of the new callsigns gets any search hits (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. WHX672, Brownsville TX, private coastal station on 6224-SSB, Oct 20 at 1337 in contact with various skippers, barges? With call signs of W plus 2 letters, 4 numbers, mostly in English, but some in Spanish. Mostly just radio chex, no traffic, but they obviously know each other personally; ETA at dock. At times sounded like Cajun accents. See my previous report in DXLD 8-024 last February. Guess what? In the UDXF yg, eight months later, mine is still the only posting out of 17,050 with a hit on this callsign. Seems most of the UDXF guys are far more interested in monitoring esoteric digital modes than plain old voice, vice versa for me (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX

LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [non]. R. Free Asia, via Tinian, Oct 18 at 1420 in Burmese on 9320, running two sesquiseconds behind // 7390 to even out power consumption. Fair with no QRM or jamming audible (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [non]. After checking out RHCuba Portuguese on 13760, noticed VOA Spe-cial Eng-lish news about Somalia on 13755, Oct 17 at 2337; 2338 review news headlines, into short story. Weak with heavy flutter. This is Udorn, Thailand, at 30 degrees inadvertently toward NAm, while the R. Thailand 15275 at 0200 to WNAm is on a 38-degree azimuth (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. VOA Bound Brook Coordinates --- It appears that WJZ, a previous callsign, of 770 WABC was co-located with the Bound Brook [NJ] short-wave transmitting facility up to the time the NBC spun off what was to become ABC. At that time, WABC moved to a facility in Lodi. From: http://www.hawkins.pair.com/wabc.shtml

"1943: the FCC permitted WJZ to move its transmitter from One, River Road, Bound Brook to Lodi, New Jersey (just south of Hackensack) in Bergen county where it now remains." Bill Toth, W2BT lives in the area, and in an e-mail exchange he confirmed the Bound Brook transmitters were located next to what is the Union Carbide Corp plant on River Road in Piscataway, NJ (Bound Brook was the mailing address). My approximation for the coordinates: N40 33.742, W74 31.382 (Rob Peebles, W8LX, Dublin, Ohio, shortwavesites yg via DXLD)

** U S A [and non]. Observations during the final presidential debate, UT Oct 16: at 0110, WBCQ 5110-CUSB was playing music instead, and at 0112 nothing heard, so guess they did not carry it this time and Area 51 was just running over a bit.

At 0110 weak unID signal on 15795, maybe VOA again with this from unknown site. 6055, REE Spain had it again with immediate translation into Spanish. 6040 VOA Greenville as usual did not cut on until 0130 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

WBCQ 7415 appears to be off the air at 2335 Thursday when WORLD OF RADIO is supposed to air, not audible here. Can anyone hear it? Webcast also down. 5110 is on the air, however. Tnx, (Glenn, Oct 16, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Yes, must have been off, but back at 0145 Oct 17 check with B.S.

QSO with Ted Randall is trying another time and frequency Sunday afternoon, 19-21 UT on WBCQ 9330v. Please evalutate and report reception where you are, especially how much QRM if any from Syria

(which is believed to be off the air at 20-21). (Glenn Hauser, Oct 19, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

No show; another SNAFU at WBCQ. Maybe next Sunday? (gh, later, DXLD)

** U S A. Hi Tom, KTMI CP expired October 3. D-day has arrived, so any word on whether KTMI will get more time with a renewed or extended CP? Thanks, (Glenn Hauser, World of Radio, to Tom Polzin, FCC, via DXLD)

Glenn, The KTMI construction permit has been extended. My conversation last week with Mr. Robert Lund of KTMI indicated that KTMI may file a license application in approximately a month to begin broadcast of programming. Thanks (Tom Polzin, FCC, Oct 16, DX LISTENING DIGEST; also via Artie Bigley)

B-08 registrations per FCC, with 50 kW:
0000-0145 11615 110 degrees to zone 11 CAm/Caribbean
0200-0445 9445 130 degrees to zone 10 Mexico
0500-0800 6025 70 degrees to zone 3 Central Canada
1000-1400 9445 310 degrees to zone 35 Kamchatka

I believe these target zones are what they have always planned, tho on different frequencies. The last two are especially odd (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Artie Bigley also inquired of Tom Polzin, and got the same reply above plus this exchange:

Mr. Polzin, Are you saying that KTMI SW has already been built?? Also, I would like to see the entire KTMI application for a CP but I can't find it on the FCC site. So, applications for SW stations aren't posted on the web?? Where can I find the KTMI application? Artie

Artie, I am told by Mr. Lund of KTMI that the station is in the final stages completing the construction of KTMI and will file a license application upon completion. I only tell you what KTMI has told me regarding when or if they will be on the air. If there are compelling reasons why a granted application is not completed in the time period for the application, the application time period can be extended. The only electronic data for shortwave broadcast applications is in International Bureau File System (IBFS) which you can access here : http://licensing.fcc.gov/myibfsdocs/The_MyIBFS_Training_Guide-v2.htm IBFS includes license, renewal of license and construction permit data but currently does not include extensions of time requests or special temporary authority application data for shortwave international broadcast stations. Thanks - (Tom Polzin, FCC, Oct 17/22, via Bigley, WORLD OF RADIO 1431, DXLD)

http://www.fcc.gov/ib/sand/neg/hf_web/stations.html
http://www.fcc.gov/ib/sand/neg/hf_web/KTMI.txt

Main Station Record - KTMI
Permittee: Transformation Media International, NA
Call Sign: KTMI File Number: IHFCP-20050204
License/Renewal: Grant Date: 00/00/00 Expire Date: 00/00/00
CP/Pending Applications: IHFC/P-20050204 CP expires 10/3/08 [but exended; see above]

Transmitter Location: SW cornerTotem Pole Rd & Mt Hope Dr.
Approx 7 miles East of Lebanon
Transmitter City: Lebanon, OR
Coordinates: 44 34 00 N Latitude 122 50 00 W Longitude
Tower Heights: 100 Meters OHAGL 100 Meters OHAMSL

Address: Transformation Media International, LP
Radio Station KTMI
240 2nd Ave. SW
Lebanon, OR 97321 USA

Transmitters: No. Model	Power (KW)	No. of TXs	Freq. Tol.	Emission
1 Harris Planck, 745 Exciter	50.00	1	0.0015%	9K00A3E
2 Harris Planck, 745 Exciter	50.00	2	0.0015%	9K00A3E
3 Harris Planck, 745 Exciter	50.00	3	0.0015%	9K00A3E
4 Harris Planck, 745 Exciter	50.00	4	0.0015%	9K00A3E

Antennas: No. Model	Gain (dB)	Azimuth (Deg)	Beamwidth (Deg)	Elevation. (Deg)
1 LPH20/23.8/21.	8.10	70	80.00	16.00
2 RH110/70/20	19.30	309	16.00	19.00
3 RH80/70/30	17.90	130	22.00	16.00
4 RH80/70/30	17.90	110	22.00	16.00

(FCC data; via wb, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Oct 20 via dxldyg via DXLD)

I believe the above same data appeared in DXLD many months ago, but possibly more imminent now. We still have our doubts that all this stuff will be up and running anytime soon. Would be nice if someone could visit the facility and take a look, talk to the engineers (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

Glenn, As you know, You can't believe ever thing you hear. BUT they DO have an extension of their CP. But I have my doubts that the station will actually be built (Artie Bigley, OH, Oct 22, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Not only is KVOH active on 17775, but strong enough Oct 15 at 2042 to bring with it the wide, dirty spur around 17921-17923,

matching music on the fundamental; also much weaker 147 kHz on the other side around 17628. I was wondering whether the LA wildfires were threatening it again on the mountaintop of Simi Valley (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

KVOH 17775 at 2240 in Spanish on 17 Oct. Very faint, no spurs detectable. Will have to tune in earlier to see if I can hear spurs, as per Glenn's recent observations on 15 Oct. 73/Liz (Cameron, MI, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGST)

** U S A. 15385, KJES (across the freeway from) Vado NM (presumed); 1938-1945+, 20 Oct; Traditional religious tune, then robo-kids recitation in Spanish. SIO=554 with a touch of QSB & QRN (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 210' center-fed RW, 85' end-fed RW, 125' bow-tie, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

** U S A. It appears that the ONLY airing of DXing with Cumbre that can be heard here in the Central US is that UT Saturday 1430 one on 11785. Though one is listed at the same time on UT Sunday also on 11785, it is NOT being aired. I remembered to tune in 11785 kHz before 1400 this past Sunday, and WHR had a decent signal then with some music being aired, but it went abruptly off-air at 1400 UT! So even if they claim that they are transmitting on both UT Saturday and Sunday during the 1400 UT hour, they are NOT. Only Saturday.

Also, though some info must have shown that there are US-evening WHR transmissions on 7315 kHz, and I DID hear them on that frequency months ago, that frequency is no longer listed for WHR in the monthly "Monitoring Times" SW frequency list during the times DXing with Cumbre is supposedly aired. I checked the other listed-in-MT WHR frequencies at those times and they were all carrying other programming or had no detectable signal.

I wish that someone active in the DXw/C group would talk to Marie Lamb and get her to acknowledge this during the program on the air and maybe negotiate with WHR to restore US coverage of the program's transmissions on Sunday and during the weekend evenings. What good is going to the trouble of producing the program if it doesn't get out to the listenership over the air on SW? It's not worth doing for an Internet-only audience, given the subject matter. 73 to all, (Will Martin, MO, Oct 14, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I have been trying to listen to the DXing with Cumbre show at multiple times and dates. The website says that they beam to the Americas and the Caribbean on Sat at 1930 on 17650 kc, Sun at 1530 on 11785 and Mon at 0330 on 7315. Not able to catch the Sat and Sun daytime shows, and the Sun UT? 0330 UT show is inaudible if it is even on at all.

I used to be able to hear them during their Africa beamed broadcasts on 5850 at 0230 UT? both Sun UT? and Mon UT? but no more. They are also inaudible if on at all. Is propagation to central Oklahoma that bad now or are the shows not being broadcast?

I know their website is not updated very frequently, as a matter of fact not since April 1, 2007. WHRA/WHRI seems to use the Cumbre site as their source so they are not much help either. The show is sometimes interesting and occasionally has information different from DXLD -- but not real often. I wouldn't mind hearing from anybody with an explanation of actual broadcast times and/or help as to how to find and hear the show if times and frequencies have changed. Thanks in advance (Steve Cross, Del City, OK, Oct 18, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Steve - It is available on demand at: http://cdxpodcast.ralabs.com/ (Hans Johnson, Founder, Cumbre DX, cumbredx via DXLD)

The show is also available through Apple's iTunes so yes, there IS an automatic download if you are using the free iTunes software. It's in the podcast hobbies area of the iTunes "store". I usually put the new show online on Friday morning just ahead of the weekend air date of the show (Bob Arnold, ibid.) WHRI: see also LAOS [non]

** U S A. Hi Glenn, For the past couple of weeks I have consistently heard a harmonic from an AM broadcast station at 4440. I believe that the signal is coming from a station in north Georgia at 1550 KC. I seems to be a country/bluegrass formatted station and I have not gotten an ID yet because I find this music painful to listen to long enough to get the ID. I just wonder if you can hear it in Oklahoma. Right now the signal is pretty respectable at about S7 to S8. Equipment here is an Icom IC-718 Transceiver and 260 ft inverted-V with apex at 60 feet. The antenna is oriented N-S. Thanks for your time! Yours, (Mark R. Bradshaw, KJ4WY, Lenoir, North Carolina, Oct 16, WORLD OF RADIO 1431, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Mark, No, not here, but I have too much local noise at the moment with computers and TVs. 1550 would not put a harmonic on 4440, but 4650. Third harmonic on 4440 would come from 1480, such as WGUS in Augusta or WYZE in Atlanta [but neither is country format]. Reception likely to change at local sunset, as WYZE cuts power way down and WGUS changes directional pattern. Hope you can get a definite ID. 73, (Glenn to Mark, via DXLD)

Hi Glenn, Well the mystery is solved as I finally heard an ID on this signal. Turns out the culprit is WSRC 1480 AM. The FCC database says it is in Fair Bluff, NC in Columbus County south of Lumberton. I heard the station ask for people to apply for some jobs at the station and they gave a zip code of 28430 which is Cerro Gordo, NC just outside of

Fair Bluff so I guess it makes sense.

The signal wasn't there this morning until 1149Z and that must be when they turn up the power for daytime operation. The thing must have some trouble though for it to have such a strong signal at the third harmonic! Thanks for the reply! P.S. Bluegrass music is far less painful to listen to if USB mode is used!!! Yours, (Mark R. Bradshaw, KJ4WY, Oct 17, WORLD OF RADIO 1431, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. WRNO missing? Has anyone heard WRNO lately, 7505 in the 01-04 nominal schedule period? Nothing audible Oct 20 at 0144 check. But propagation not very good. WBCQ audible on 7415, Ukraine poor on 7440. Also have found WRNO missing some previous nights (Glenn Hauser, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hello Glenn, Nothing heard here at 0305 on 7505 Oct 20th (Gilles Letourneau, Montreal, Canada, ibid.) I haven't heard them for a few days. 73/Liz (Cameron, MI, UT Oct 20, ibid.)

Hi Glenn, Email from Larry Thom (Chief Engineer WRNO) at 1700 UT, Oct 21:

We are currently off the air but should be back on soon. Elcor (transmitter manufacturer) is making modifications to the oscillator sections to give it more stability. Additionally, we are awaiting delivery of a Vacuum Variable Capacitor for final RF power output section of the transmitter. The transmitter was furnished with Jennings Glass type vacuum variables. We changed out all but two for the ceramic type before going on the air as they are more durable to high voltage arcing, etc. which are encountered by all high power shortwave stations from time to time. Just the nature of the beast! As luck would have it the one that wasn't replaced caused us a problem on 7505. At this point we are just working out the bugs that come along with the installation of a new transmitter, but having said that, we hope this will take care of most of the issues at hand and cause us less down time in the future. Thanks, Larry (via Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, Oct 21, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1431, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

And still missing at 0130 check Oct 22 (gh, OK, DXLD)

** U S A. WWRB, 5050, with preacher in English Oct 18 at 0004 putting weaker distorted spur on 5034.0. As the modulation on the spur audibly peaked, the S-meter visibly dipped. Is this what you call negative modulation? Also could detect a matching carrier on 5066, i.e. 16 kHz on the other side, but masked by too much WWCR 5070 (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1431, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5034.26, WWRB Spur, 0035-0055, Oct 18, fairly strong distorted spur from 5050 with English religious programming. Also heard spur at threshold level on // 5065.74. Spurs are +/- 15.74 kHz away from 5050. (Brian Alexander, PA, WORLD OF RADIO 1431, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 3230.59, WWCR Spur, 0340-0350, Oct 18, weak spur from 3214.99 with English talk. Another spur heard at threshold level on 3199.39. Spurs are +/- 15.6 kHz away from 3214.99.

4910, WWCR Spur, 0015-0030, Oct 18, two separate English programs from 5070 & 9980 mixing together on 4910. 9980 - 5070 = 4910. Fair level at times but with deep fades (Brian Alexander, PA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

WWCR, PMS service on 5935, with big problems Oct 18 at 0557, ringing sound on each side. It seems there are spurs between 4 and 5 kHz above and below, which intermittently beat against the main carrier as modulation comes and goes. On the main channel one can also hear crosstalk from Pastor Pete Peters on 5890. These two are very strong at the moment, exacerbating the situation, and furthermore producing a mixing product on 5980, also with the ringing sound. I suppose this could have arisen from an audio feed without proper rolloff at higher frequencies. On 5890 itself, crosstalk underneath could also be heard, but not from the 5935 service. Did not seem to match 5070 or 3215 either; maybe 1300? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

HI Glenn - what is up with the mixing on 13845. I've had DGS all afternoon (via re-checks ! :0) hearing DGS mixing with some other preacher. Is this a another broadcast also coming from that same WWCR site that causes that? Have heard before, never mentioned it (Rick Barton, AZ, 2346 UT Oct 19, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Rick, I wasn`t listening today, but it`s usually from another WWCR transmission. They really have problems with this. I expect you would find a match if you check the other three freqeuencies on the air at the time; or could also be from their MW 1300 WNQM at same site. 73, (Glenn to Rick, via DXLD)

WWCR with good signal on 15825, so must be off-season sporadic E, Oct 20 at 1320 when Tony Al·mo was speaking. I listened for a few minutes to try to get an idea of where he is coming from. Nothing about his sexual/legal problems, but really talking down to his imaginary audience, faking `classy` British accent now and then, really cynical-sounding, quite unpleasant (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. BAIL DENIED FOR ARK. EVANGELIST IN SEX ABUSE CASE
By CHUCK BARTELS, Associated Press Writer Chuck Bartels, Associated Press Writer ññ This Thursday, Sept. 25, 2008

file booking photo released by the Coconino County Sheriff's Office, http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20081022/ap_on_re_us/evangelist_child_abuse

TEXARKANA, Ark. ñ A federal magistrate called Tony Alamo a flight risk Wednesday as he ordered the evangelist held without bail until his trial on charges that he took a minor across state lines for sex.

The ruling came after Alamo's former followers testified at a hearing that they were often beaten at his instructions and one said Alamo practiced polygamy with several females, including a 9-year-old girl.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Barry Bryant noted that Alamo is charged with a violent crime and said he also considered that Alamo fled a California child-abuse charge in 1989 and was arrested two years later in Tampa, Fla., living under an assumed name. Alamo has access to various vehicles, he said.

Witnesses said Alamo controls businesses and ministry locations in several states. They said none of the properties are Alamo's name, which Bryant also considered as a point against letting Alamo free.

"There is serious risk (Alamo) will flee or fail to appear," Bryant said. Alamo, 74, said nothing after the ruling. His trial is scheduled for Nov. 19.

He was arrested in Flagstaff, Ariz., five days after a Sept. 20 police raid on the Tony Alamo Christian Ministries compound in the southwest Arkansas town of Fouke. Six girls were taken into state custody for their protection.

During Wednesday's hearing, Arkansas state troopers searched the compound anew, State Police spokesman Bill Sadler confirmed, without elaborating.

Fouke Mayor Terry Purvis said state police stayed several hours at the compound. State child-welfare officials were not involved, said Julie Munsell, a spokeswoman for the Arkansas Department of Human Services.

One witness called to the stand by prosecutors Wednesday, Jael Sprinkle, 32, testified that she was taken as Alamo's wife at age 17 and was considered his wife for two years. She said that Alamo had five other wives at the time and that she knew of him taking a 9-year-old girl as one.

Alamo is an advocate of allowing girls to marry when they reach puberty but has denied such unions took place within his organization.

Sprinkle said she, her parents and others were beaten. She said a 12-

year-old boy was paddled to the point of bleeding through his clothes and could walk only with assistance.

Sprinkle also described Alamo's control over people in his organization, saying he even had to approve inconsequential expenses such as toilet paper and toothpaste.

Spencer Ondirsek, 18, testified that he left the compound last year after spending seven years there.

Ondirsek said he was beaten by a man working under Alamo's direction. He said he was hit about 15 times on the face and smacked about 30 times with a three-foot paddle in three separate instances while being disciplined for minor misbehavior, such as playing with a spray bottle. The first beating happened when he was 12 or 13, Ondirsek testified.

Defense lawyers called Ronald and Joan Decker, a couple that has belonged to Alamo's church. They said they would move from Fort Smith to Texarkana to watch over Alamo if he was granted release.

Ronald Decker said he drives a truck for Advantage Food, which he described as a partnership, but he couldn't come up with a figure when federal prosecutor Kyra Jenner asked him how much he earned. He later said Alamo paid for all the couple's living expenses.

"Pastor Alamo controls the church," Ronald Decker said.

Ronald Decker initially denied seeing any beatings. But when asked by Jenner whether he was aware Alamo orders paddlings, Decker paused before saying yes.

The federal charging document accuses Alamo of taking a 13-year-old girl across state lines for sex in 2004 and of aiding and abetting her transport across state lines for sex in 2005.

Alamo, who is listed in court documents by his real name of Bernie Lazar Hoffman, has pleaded not guilty to the two charges, each of which carries a sentence of 10 years to life in prison and a fine of up to $250,000. Associated Press writer Jon Gambrell contributed to this report from Little Rock, Ark. (via Liz Cameron, dxldyg via DXLD)

** U S A. 9369.92, WTJC, very early fade-in, noted carrying in English, smooth like male prayer, S=6-7 fair signal. 1900 UT Oct 17th (Wolfgang B¸schel, Stuttgart, Germany, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [non]. Frequency change of WYFR Family Radio in French from Oct. 16: 2000-2100 NF 7235 ARM 250 kW / 290 deg to WeEu, ex 12060

(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, Oct 21, via DXLD)

** U S A. An odd language caught my ear on 5985, Oct 22 at 0619 from WYFR. Cantonese from WYFR (not RTI) is scheduled during this hour, but it seemed more exotic than that. Speaker was ending each sentence with ``yi ji`` several times a minute, as if he were enumerating or reciting a list of something. I wonder if they work segments in minolity dialects into this hour as well (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. OVERNIGHT AM RADIO SHOW 2008-2009 ON WRMI-AM FL

Overnight AM show is resuming on WRMI 9955 at 21-24 UT M-F probably starting today Thu Oct 16, Jeff White tells me. So much for the WRN relay fillers in these two sesquihours, e.g. Ireland at 2100-2130 and Israel at 2330-2400 (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1431, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hello folks! Overnight AM is back and in full force for 2008 and 2009 with a new format. We kicked it off with two guest that are the best in their fields. I feel pretty good about this program and think you'll like it very much.

Overnight AM is going to distribution on the Voice America radio network in a few weeks, perhaps sooner. I'll have to get back to you as to the time the show will air on VoiceAmerica.com. Also, Overnight AM's new flagship station is now WRMI-AM in Miami, FL thanks to Jeff White and his beautiful bride.

October 15, 2008: First Hour: [and presumably Oct 16 on WRMI]

UFO Hunters Producer William (Bill) Birnes, publisher of UFO Magazine joins Overnight AM on Wednesday to talk about his latest adventures on the set of UFO Hunters and to talk about the history and mystery of the UFO phenomena. How real is the UFO mystery? Is it made up? UFO Investigators claim that there is more evidence to suggest the existence of UFO's than there is to support the existence of Jesus Christ.

October 15, 2008: Second & Third Hours: Scott Alan Roberts, author of "The Rollicking Adventures of Tam O'Hare" joins Overnight to talk about the mysterious and Biblical Nephilim. Did a race of alien beings land on Earth only to enslave the human race, or could the book of Enoch been talking about real live Angels who fell from the heavens? Read Scotty's article that appeared in TAPS Paramag.

LISTEN HERE! Streaming Audio.. or you can tune in to the NEW LIVE STREAM on PBTRN or soon.. VoiceAmerica.com.

Thanks for your support and for tuning in to Overnight AM!
Lan Lamphere, -- Windchaser Communicationsô Norman, OK 73072
http://www.lanlamphere.com (via Jeff White, WRMI, DXLD)

This time around LanLam is playing down the fact that WRMI is on shortwave by adding the incorrect -AM suffix. Yes, of course it does transmit in amplitude modulation, but no SW or MW station axually has such a suffix in its callsign. Beware of such misrepresentation from the outset. In fact on the website there is nothing at all about WRMI being a SW station, no mention of 9955, just linx to its webcast. UFO stuff confirmed on a brief check of that Oct 16.

Surprised to hear myself on WRMI 9955, WORLD OF RADIO 1430, Friday Oct 17 at 2352, mixing with the DentroCuban Jamming Command, but at least audible. This is when Lan Lamphere`s Overnight AM show just re-started two days ago at 21-24 weekdays. Is it gone already? No, Jeff White says today`s show was inexplicably half an hour short, so what better way to fill the time (than with another Okie?).

WOR 1430 also reconfirmed on Area 51 via WBCQ 5110 at 2300 Friday, well-received even on the portable DX-375. 7415 was absent during the scheduled Thu 2330 WOR broadcast Oct 16; 7415 was back on with B.S. at 0145 recheck Oct 17.

WRMI, 9955 with amazingly strong and clear signal Oct 20 at 0547, S9+20 and no jamming --- but that did not last long, as WRMI faded a bit and jamming again audiblized. Wonder if they were on NW antenna, unlikely; just enhanced propagation? Was a Cuban music program, gave street address in Miami, but which? Trova Libre? WRMI program schedule is no help: for M-F 1-2 am [EDT] says ``Repeats of DX and other programs/Repeticiones de programas DX, etc.``

Later, Jeff White explains: Glenn: That's punto guajiro music. It was a repeat of A Favor de la Justicia. We were on the corner reflector (south) at that time. Jeff (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Guajiros --- Why are Cuban country people called guajiros?

The Spanish who settled in Cuba quickly destroyed the indigenous peoples of Cuba through violence and disease. This left them without a good supply of free (slave) labor. To make up the difference, they began importing native peoples from the Guajira region between Colombia and Venezuela. These Indians, or "guajiros," lived in the rural areas of Cuba, often in crude shacks. Over the years, the name became a common term for any person who lived in the countryside and worked the land (from http://icuban.com/january_2003.html via gh, DXLD)

See also PUBLICATIONS for Yandys Cervantes` blog using this term (gh)

** U S A [non]. CVC A Sua Voz, Miami via Calera de Tango, Chile, 15410, Friday Oct 17 at 2322 with John Williams music. This Mon-Sat hour at 2300, Sem Limites, is the only time CVC is worth listening to, altho the classical music is interrupted for hard-sell promos every few minutes, even with non-classical produxion music (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Well, there is a DX program too (gh)

** U S A. FLORIDA (PIRATE) unidentified, St. Petersburg, 96.3 MHz. I discovered this one on Saturday, October 18th, mid-afternoon while driving around St. Petersburg. Mono mode and covering almost all of southern Pinellas County with continuous dub reggae vocals, no voice announcements or commercials. Not DFed, but signal level while driving would indicate somewhere in the southeast end of the county (closer to downtown). It's the first new pirate in Tampa Bay in a long time, in fact there's been virtually no pirate activity in Pinellas or Hillsborough Counties for a couple of years (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida, USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W

Visit my "Florida Low Power Radio Stations" at:
http://home.earthlink.net/~tocobagadx/flortis.html
or: http://www.geocities.com/geigertree/flortis.html
Oct 21, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. FCC action in SE Florida --- More busts between Sept. 11-18. As always, just go to fcc.gov and enter the Case Number for details.

EB-08-MA-0152 90.7 Miami, single family residence

EB098-0165 91.9 Miami, Portofino at Biscayne apartments -- Haitian Kreyol format based on all the names

EB-08-MA-0156 92.5 Pompano Beach, single family residence
(Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida, Oct 16, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. TWO LIBERAL TALKERS ARE OFF THE AIR, BY JOHN THOMASON | South Florida Sun-Sentinel dated 9/15/08:

Liberalism's voice in South Florida just got a couple of notches softer. Nicole Sandler and Jim DeFede, two of the area's strongest progressive voices, recently disappeared from the talk radio airwaves within a day of each other. DeFede quit the largely conservative WFTL-AM (850) Aug. 21 after the station bought out the remaining 14 months of his contract. Sandler was let go from the liberal WINZ-AM (970 [sic: should be 940; per NRC-AM Log WINZ slogan is ``Progressive Radio`` --- gh) Aug. 22.

The absence of Sandler and DeFede leaves the area with only one major local political voice ñ centrist Joyce Kaufman at WFTL (unless you count WQAM's Neil Rogers). Both talkers covered the national news of the day as well as topics of interest to South Floridians, from the housing crisis, Indian casinos and hurricanes to local elections and breaking crime stories. Listeners won't get the local angle from Sandler's replacement in the 6 to 9 am time slot, notorious shock jock Don Imus. It's a transition her loyal audience has not welcomed.

"Nicole was always well-prepared and researched whatever topics she and her audience were discussing," said Diane Lawrence, president and co-founder of the South Florida Impeachment Coalition. "Not only did she talk about this ridiculously endless presidential campaign, but she discussed the problems of our underfunded schools and various state and local officials. Talk radio all over this country is dominated by right-wing conservatives," she added. "Why would WINZ want to kill the only local progressive voice we have here? I'm sure it's all about money, but if they bother to research the number of people listening to their station between 6 and 9 am, they will find that Imus' audience is extremely small."

Barbara Walters, fundraising director for the Miami-Dade activist group Democracy for America, said she stopped listening to WINZ when she learned of Sandler's dismissal. "Once I found out that the change had taken place, I immediately changed the dial on the radio and will not tune in again," she said. "I told [programming coordinator] Ken Charles in an e-mail that as far as I'm concerned, WINZ no longer exists."

Charles, who programs the conservative talk station WIOD-AM (610) as well as the liberal WINZ, defended the choice of Imus but said he understood the concerns of angry listeners. "We've gotten e-mails and phone calls from both sides ñ more negative e-mails than positive ones, which is not a surprise," he said. "Change is hard in everything. And this is worse, because people become attached to personalities, whether it's Rush Limbaugh, Sean Hannity, Stephanie Miller or Ed Schultz. You hope that you made a change for the positive.

There may be four hours you don't like a lot on the station, but we hope that you listen to the 20 hours of radio that you do like." But why Imus, who has a history of racist and sexist comments and hardly embodies the progressive movement? "There are few options for progressive programming," Charles said. "Air America is the best option, but in the morning they do a repeat of Ron Kuby from the night before. We wanted something live, and even though Imus is not a Schultz or a Thom Hartmann, he's also not a Limbaugh or a Hannity.

He's an equal-opportunity offender. I've heard him say things about both sides of the aisle, and he still gets great guests."

Charles wanted to assure his audience of liberals that Imus will not start the station down a slippery slope toward more centrist broadcasting. "This is not a change of the radio station," he said. "Thom Hartmann, Stephanie Miller, Lionel, Alan Colmes ñ these guys aren't going anywhere."

Sandler aims to remain a force in South Florida, even if she has to take her commentary to the Internet. A radio veteran of nearly 30 years, she had started a Web site to broadcast the hundreds of interviews she'd done with celebrities such as Dave Matthews, Ray Davies and Jackson Browne. Three days after being fired by WINZ, she re-launched the site, titled Radio or Not http://radioornot.blogspot.com as a podcast, commenting on the Democratic and Republican conventions.

Although she believes Internet radio is the future, she would prefer to be on terrestrial radio again, even if it means waking up at 4 am every weekday. "The fact that we lost our voice on the eve of the Democratic Convention is a travesty, and it's further proof that we need the Fairness Doctrine back," Sandler said. "Corporations are controlling the public airwaves."

DeFede, meanwhile, who used to occupy Sandler's former WINZ time slot, left WFTL's afternoon drive-time show abruptly and of his own volition. "I had been frustrated with the station for months and finally had my agent contact the station a month before I left, telling them I wanted out of my contract," said DeFede, a former Miami Herald writer who now works as a reporter and commentator for CBS-4.

"Once we reached a deal for them to buy me out, there was no reason for me to stay on the air any longer. I was willing to finish out the week, but they decided we should just break immediately." WFTL programming coordinator George Johns said he wasn't surprised by DeFede's resignation. "I think Jim couldn't handle the fact that a whole bunch of the other shows seemed to be conservative and he's fairly liberal," Johns said. "The other hosts didn't have a problem, but he was uncomfortable from the very beginning. I thought Jim was a hell of a talent ñ his style and his passion and all that. But he always seemed to lock horns with general management. It's too bad; he was entertaining."

WFTL's audience leans to the right, and its response to DeFede's departure was not as heated as the one that greeted the change at WINZ. Johns said listeners may prefer the new lineup. "Because most of the station is conservative, they wanted us all to be conservative,"

he said. "Now we've gone to a news block [from 5 to 6 pm], which was a no-brainer for an hour. We had had cut back Bill O'Reilly, and that caused more flak than anything. So we gave him back his other hour and moved [Michael] Savage up." Johns said he has no political ideology and would welcome a new local voice on his station, even if it were a progressive voice. "If another local talent comes along, I'd give it serious consideration," he said. "This hasn't ended the quest for what we're trying to do, which is go local as much as we can."

For full schedules and station information, visit
http://www.supertalk940.com and http://www.850wftl.com
(via Dale Park, HI, IRCA DX Monitor Oct 18 via DXLD)

** U S A. KFRC 106.9 SWITCHES TO ALL NEWS --- By Sandra Gonzales
Mercury News Article Launched: 10/20/2008 07:10:00 PM PDT

When you tune into 106.9 FM radio next Monday, classic hits will no longer be playing at longtime San Francisco station KFRC. Instead, it`s going to be all about news. At 7:40 a.m. exactly, the all news radio station, KCBS, will begin simulcasting on 106.9.

Despite KFRC's poor ratings, radio managers insisted that was not behind the move to an all news station. "This is part of our effort to make KCBS available on as many platforms as possible," said Doug Harvill, senior vice president and market manager for CBS radio, which also owns KFRC. "We want to make sure people get it, especially as this business transforms to a digital age."

Harvill would not comment on what would happen to KFRC's staff. But sources say the station laid off eight full-time employees, including four of its popular on-air personalities ó Dave Sholin, Celeste Perry, Sue Hall and Jay Coffey. About 20 production staffers remain. Until the official switch Monday, the station will broadcast announcements in between the music and on-air staff will be allowed to air farewells.

The change comes less than two years after CBS relaunched KFRC with the 106.9 signal. Previously, it had many incarnations with various call letters and formats. "We had a loyal audience but not a large enough audience," Harvill said. "This is something proactive as far as getting the news on FM." But those with a hankering for the classic hits can still hear them. The old format will move to KFRC HD2 and stream at http://www.kfrc.com (via Kevin Redding, TN, ABDX via DXLD)

** U S A. KRLA SUED OVER CONTENT: MAN ALLEGES THAT THE RADIO STATIONíS SHOWS SERVE THE REPUBLICAN PARTY, NOT THE PUBLIC.
A Los Angeles man has filed a lawsuit against a conservative talk radio station, which broadcasts from the city, claiming the station

and its media company misrepresented their federal license agreement by serving the interest of the Republican Party rather than the public. David Birke and his attorney Johnny Birke filed a complaint Aug. 27 against seven talk show hosts of KRLA-AM (870), Salem Communications Corporation and its owner Edward Atsinger III, alleging that they use the public airwaves to push Republican beliefs. David and Johnny Birke would not say whether they were related, citing attorney-client privilege (Glendale, CA News-Press 9/9/08 via Dale Park, HI, IRCA DX Monitor Oct 18 via DXLD)

** U S A. Sad news from KFI --- Some of you may have veries signed by KFI CE John Paoli. I'm sorry to report that he collapsed and died this morning en route to a Los Angeles emergency room. John took immense pride in shepherding the KFI tower rebuilding project through all its many obstacles. I'm hoping KFI dedicates the new tower to his memory. He deserves it. s (Scott Fybush, NY, Oct 20, IRCA mailing list via WORLD OF RADIO 1431, DXLD) OBIT

JOHN PAOLI, CHIEF ENGINEER OF KFI, HAS PASSED AWAY

John Paoli, the Chief Engineer of KFI(AM), Los Angeles, passed away yesterday (Sunday) morning. He was approximately 50 years of age. The first report to reach our office read as follows:

"He was feeling poorly, and his wife got him to the Emergency Room. While they were filling out the admission forms, John collapsed to the floor and could not be resuscitated."

The second report provided an important clarification. John was not the one feeling poorly. It was his wife, Starla, who was feeling poorly. John had accompanied her to St. Joseph's emergency room where he unexpectedly collapsed and could not be resuscitated.

John's passing is a real tragedy for the Los Angeles broadcast community and for those of us who have had the privilege of working with this extraordinarily personable and gentle engineer. Services are yet to be set (CGC Communicator Oct 20 via Kevin Redding, ABDX via DXLD)

** U S A. WATO 1290 Oak Ridge, TN --- Kinda sad..
http://www.knoxnews.com/news/2008/oct/16/no-more-airing-it-out/

That`s the AM that lost a tower and no one noticed for a few days because the station stayed on the air. The station even stayed on the air for the few days after the tower fell before anyone noticed! No alarms were tripped at the main studio in Knoxville somewhere. (WATO simulcasted with two other Horne Radio, Inc stations, the licensee of WATO) (Paul B. Walker, Jr., Ord NE, Oct 20, NRC-AM via DXLD)

Paul: You know darn well some of the meter readings were WAY OFF! But if you are not concerned about such trivial matters, then I spose it would be possible! But wouldn't a plate overload trip, maybe? The tower that fell was used both day and night in their DA-2 pattern.

``WATO simulcasted with two other Horne Radio, Inc stations``

I don't think that is true. Horne owned others, yes. But I have personally wondered about this and so on occasion I used to switch from each to the other. They are all fairly "local." Every time I did this the programs were different. Horne has 4 or 5 local stations.

In the case of the Horne station on 670, they have had some fairly amusing problems. One was going for an entire day with NO modulation! Just how in heck they would do that is beyond me for sure. In the good old days when I was CE at KBIM, a few MINUTES of dead air would get my attention right now!

But when I talked with David Clary I asked him point blank: "Mr. Clary, might WMTY be, perhaps, a transmitter building with a computer inside delivering the programming?" Note the kind of cautious wording of my question. The reply was a quiet grin followed by the word "Exactly." It sounded like a juke box with a short block of promos and spots at 7 minutes past each quarter hour. (12:07, 12:22, 12:37, 12:52, for example). It dawned on me that this was so when they signed off (VERY abruptly, by a clock obviously) they would not ever cut off a spot. Gotta give them credit for going off when they should have. Then Chicago would come rolling in! (Jim Tonne, TN, ibid.)

Gents: Following up on the WATO story, I have posted a new set of photos showing the station as of the end of September 2008. FYI, I live in Oak Ridge.

I took a quick look at the property a few weeks ago. I was out in the back and could not see what might have been going on in the front of the building. When I returned to the front Bingo! someone was parked out front and further the front door to the building was open AND someone was there! So I finally had a chance to "hear the story."

The fellow was in fact David Clary, a well-known local radio sports guy who works for the station (actually for the group that owns WATO). What luck! He gave me a rundown on how there was a storm and one tower fell down and no one knew about it until someone went to the transmitter site and noticed a tower down.

The transmitter site is manned during local high school sporting

events; otherwise it is remote controlled.

He didn't mind at all my going inside and looking around and taking photos. Mind you the building has been without power since a couple of weeks after the tower failure. So inside it was PITCH BLACK. I took photos by turning on the camera flash and pointing it where I thought there might be something of interest. Then I would look at the display on the camera to see what I had photographed. Note the Gates BC5P, a 5 kW transmitter which ran 5 kW day and 500 watts night, DA-2.

The photos are posted here: http://tonnesoftware.com/radio/

They are in a kind of chronological order, starting in fact prior to the failure, and right after the failure and then recent. Some small amount of text, mostly photos of 100+ kB size. Should be self-explanatory (Jim Tonne, ibid.)

** U S A. I am 100 miles from WBMQ, Savannah, GA, and as of 8:10 P. M. Eastern, they are blasting in, certainly not their licensed 47 watts. Must be the day power of 4,800 watts (Bob Smoak, Bamberg, S. C., UT Oct 21, ABDX via DXLD)

Bob, WBMQ leaves their day power on at night quite often. Enough to cover up Cuba some nights here at my QTH. I was in Savannah when (I Assume) they actually had 47 watts at night, and it barely covered the Historic District. I would think that It would be unlistenalble in the 'burbs. Nothing against them, but this is another example what is happening more and more because nobody gets busted (Juan Gualda, Fort Pierce, FL, ibid.) WTFK?! 630, ex-WSAV (gh, DXLD)

** U S A. Anne Presley, reporter and anchor of KATV's morning show, "Daybreak" was found stabbed in her home 30 minutes before she was scheduled to co host her program.

http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20081021/ap_on_re_us/tv_anchor_attacked_8
http://www.katv.com/news/stories/1008/562863.html

(The KATV link has a press release, plus links to her bio, etc, and a message board of the station's viewers.)

Other LR TV Media stories--
KLRT--
http://www.fox16.com/news/local/story.aspx?content_id=8a772126-d7eb-43d7-a8f0-7138f5b37e79
http://www.fox16.com/news/local/story.aspx?content_id=73bc1083-36c7-430a-b1b0-07d82fb16c06

KTHV--

http://www.todaysthv.com/news/local/story.aspx?storyid=74288&catid=2

KARK--
http://arkansasmatters.com/content/fulltext/news/?cid=131721

-- (Fritze H. Prentice Jr, KC5KBV, Star City, AR, Grid: EM43aw
http://tvdxseark.blogspot.com Oct 21, DX LISTENING DIGEST) E.g.:

KATV's Anne Pressly Attacked in Home

Little Rock - Little Rock police are investigating an early-morning home invasion Monday that has left a KATV morning anchor hospitalized. According to authorities, Anne Pressly, 26, is in critical condition at a Little Rock hospital after being found in her home with what police call ìsevere wounds.î

... Recently, Pressly landed a small role in the new Oliver Stone movie, ìWî which opened in theaters last week. . .
http://www.katv.com/news/stories/1008/562863.html
(via Fritze Prentice, AR, DXLD) with video

** U S A. CHRISTIAN RADIO FOUND TO BE ON CONTINUOUS LOOP FOR PAST 20 YEARS http://www.larknews.com/october_2008/secondary.php?page=5

PONTIAC ó Listeners of Christian talk radio were surprised and dismayed to learn that the same slate of programs has been playing on Christian radio stations since 1988, and that the entire faÁade of Christian radio has been run out of a basement complex in Michigan.

"I always found the programs very comforting and familiar," says Kathy Reynolds, a regular listener in Columbia, Mo. "Now I know why."

The 365-day-long loop, which has been running continuously since January 1, 1988, includes programs by ministers such as James Dobson and Chuck Colson who dispense parenting and marital advice, Bible answers and non-specific calls to political action. The loop followed the calendarís rhythms, with programs about creating lasting family traditions at Thanksgiving, back-to-school prayer programs in August and cloyingly sweet programs about home, hearth and "the reason for the season" at Christmas. A layer of conservative concern over the direction of the country was included throughout the year.

"Repeating the same shows saved us all money and time," says the program director, who now feels ashamed of his role. He came up with the scheme in the í80s after noting that some shows were becoming repetitive. "We made it generic enough to last for years, but specific enough to speak to peopleís lives over and over. On that score I think we did a pretty good job."

Over time, radio stations around the country were quietly converted to simple warehouses for transmitters which broadcast the looped material. None of the ministers heard on Christian radio have actually taped a program for two decades. As some ministers died or left the ministry, the program directors introduced "new" ministers by changing the pitch of a previous ministerís voice. For example, after the death of Christian radio personality Martin Wyse, Wyseís old shows were digitally manipulated to give him a Scottish brogue, resulting in the creation of Alistair Begg, who does not actually exist.

The only other thing that changed over the years were the advertisements, the director says. Some listeners shrugged off the revelations. "The Bible doesnít change and Iím still blessed by it," says one man. "Who cares if they say the same thing over and over? I probably needed to hear it again."

Now that the ruse has been discovered, the loop will be discontinued as soon as Christian leaders begin taping new material and staffs are hired to revitalize long-abandoned radio stations around the country. "It may be rough at the outset," says one programmer. "Everyoneís really out of practice." (Lark News via DXLD)

Notice the lack of detail? An abridged version of this appeared in DSWCI DX Window Oct 15 as if it were not satire. More yux at the expense of religionists at http://www.larknews.com (gh, DXLD)

** VANUATU. 7260, tune in around 0630 UT Oct 16, time check suspected at 0635, weak with pidgin sounding talk and south seas style music and songs. Signal building rapidly now, no interference, 0647 mention of Radio Vanuatu. 0655 with a local ad or announcement, continued thru 0700 with songs. Sunset there now but signal seemed worse past 0700 (Don Moman, Lamont, Alberta ICOM 7800 and 5 el 40m yagi, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7259.97, R. Vanuatu (presumed), Talk by M and then W at 0835 tune-in. 0848 island pop song, then W returned, and more Island music. 0859 W announcer, seemed like canned announcement by M to 0901, W again, then usual flute signature 0902, and M with probable news for 10 minutes. More island music with studio W announcer hosting. Long talk feature by different W 0941-0950, and back to music. Same flute signature again at 1000. Don't know when it went off but couldn't really pick anything up after about 1011. Never did improve and actually seemed to get worse. (14 Oct.)

7259.97, R. Vanuatu (presumed), 0835-0859 same pgm of island music with studio W host. 0859-0901 long canned announcement by M with possible ment of R.V. 0901 studio W briefly, then usual flute

signature, and M with apparent news to 0914. 0914 heard the same flute again, then W, and music continued. Stronger than yesterday, but just couldn't copy. (15 Oct.) (Dave Valko, Dunlo PA, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

7260, R. Vanuatu (presumed), 10/15, 0620-0640, weak, vocal pop type music, woman announcing at 0629, but switched to man for several minutes. Didn't seem to be news. Maybe pidgin of some sort. A bit of bridge music at 0632 and man continued talk. At 0633, returned to music. Gone beneath noise level by 0640 (Don Jensen, Kenosha WI, NASWA yg via DXLD)

** VATICAN. 15235 fair with sad-sounding S Asian song, Oct 15 at 1440, didn`t sound especially Catholic but immediately followed by Vatican Radio IDs (pronounced as in English) in S Asian language, postal address I could not make out but probably within India. 1444 talk about cardinals. Per EiBi this is Hindi at 1430-1450 to be followed by Tamil (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VATICAN [non?]. 4004.9, Radio Vaticana; 0305-0313+, 15 Oct; Commentary in Italian; IS/ID at 0304:44 and continued in Italian at 0310. SIO=322, ute clatter QRM. Since in Italian, presume not Bolivia relay. EiBi says via Vatican, Passport says via Santa Maria di Galeria till 0330 (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 210' center-fed RW, 85' end-fed RW, 125' bow-tie, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

** VATICAN. VATICAN RADIO - AMERICA SCHEDULE (November 2008 - March 2009) W = weekdays [meaning M-F or Mon-Sat?]

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0030 PORTUGUESE      7305 9610
0100 SPANISH         7305 9610 11910
0145 SPANISH         7305 9610 11910
0230 FRENCH          6040 7305
0250 ENGLISH         6040 7305
0320 SPANISH         6040 7305
1000 PORTUGUESE - W 21680
1130 SPANISH - W    21680 (via Jaisakthivel, Chennai, India)
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I really detest the original format of Vatican schedules, with letters for target areas which require a key or a map to look up, no relay sites specified (6040 and 9610 must be Canada at least) and NEVER any end-times for transmissions, so I don`t plan to publish more than this in such a format, from which I have already edited out chaff and clutter of satellite info, Vatican MW and FM frequencies which hardly apply to the Americas. At least this was already in UT, rather than CET as some of their schedules are (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** VATICAN [non]. UNKNOWN Unknown Station 12035 2233 Chinese 333 Oct 12 YL with comments plus some choir hymn music 2235 (Stewart

MacKenzie, CA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

VR via Khabarovsk noted *2200 10/18 on 12035 in Chinese with St. Peter's bells, fanfare, ID, into religious talk; fair but fluttery here with 1 second delay // 9600 and 7300 from SMG (Joe Hanlon, NJ, DX LISTENING DIGEST) In B-08 12035 is replaced by 5900 also Khabarovsk, // 7395 and 9600 direct (gh)

** VENEZUELA. 13/10/2008. UNA NUEVA EMISORA DE ONDA CORTA EN VENEZUELA???? EL COLEGA COLOMBIANO RAFAEL RODRIGUEZ NOS PASA LA SIGUIENTE INFORMACI”N:

Hola amigo JosÈ, Un cordial saludo y abrazo desde Colombia; ayer en la maÒana de 1230 a 1400 horas [TU]; escuchÈ lo que puede ser una nueva emisora desde tu paÌs en 6981.6v por su programaciÛn evangÈlica. En un primer momento pensÈ que se trataba de alg˙n pastor operando alg˙n equipo (como los que utilizan los radioaficionados) pero luego hubo anuncios comerciales y la menciÛn a lugares como Santa Cruz de Mora, Nueva lucha y Carrasquero con un inconfundible acento venezolano; adem·s TC en UT -4:30 y para grata sorpresa el locutor mencionÛ qaue prÛximamente estar·n en "la banda de 42 metros, 6980 kcs". Lastimosamente no pude identificar el nombre y en la noche no estuvo, o estaba totalmente tapada por la evangÈlica en 6985 Khz [WYFR]. El pastor se identificÛ como Neiser Rivas perteneciente a la Iglesia Luz del Mundo.

Fuente: "Sintonia DX" http://sintoniadx.spaces.live.com/
JosÈ Elias Diaz GÛmez, Barcelona, Venezuela.

Nota del Editor: Interesente esta nota pues es muy raro que las emisoras venezolanas se animen a transmitir en bandas y frecuencias de la onda corta. Si alguien tiene m·s informaciÛn sobre esta nueva radio, estaremos atentos. Gracias, Rafael! (Santiago San Gil, http://diexismovenezolano.blogspot.com/2008/10/nueva-emisora-de-onda-corta-en.html Oct 16 via DXLD)

** VENEZUELA [and non]. COMIENZA CICLO DE CONFERENCIAS SOBRE RADIO EN RNV http://www.rnv.gov.ve/noticias/?act=ST&f=&t=81500

Este viernes comenzÛ el ciclo de conferencias, talleres y conversatorios al personal que trabaja en Radio Nacional de Venezuela (RNV) y que se realizar· durante todo el mes de octubre.

Estas conferencias ser·n dictadas por el especialista cubano Carlos Rafael Dieguez, quien expondr· a los participantes su an·lisis en estos temas, cosechado en 30 aÒos de experiencia. TambiÈn el acadÈmico anhela conocer las inquietudes y los recursos de los trabajadores y trabajadoras de la estatal radiofÛnica para alcanzar una radio m·s

atractiva.

Este ciclo tiene como meta capacitar a los trabajadores del gran circuito Radio Nacional de Venezuela, intercambiar conocimientos, para hacer mejor radio en un momento que las nuevas tecnologÌas acaparan otras alternativas y se van perdiendo las audiencias, expresÛ Dieguez.

Entre los temas que se tocar·n se encuentran: "Ideas y pensamientos"; "Periodismo y relaciones p˙blicas"; "La radio documental"; "La palabra y la informaciÛn"; "La radio por inventar"; "La radio en la defensa del monÛlogoî; "El Spot Gancho de audiencia"; "Ayer nunca es noticia", entre otros.

Para la directora de RNV, Helena Salcedo, este tipo de actividades profundizan la capacitaciÛn del personal, adem·s de hacer m·s humana la radio con el tratamiento de temas de una gran riqueza, para hacer de Radio Nacional de Venezuela un mejor medio a la par de las grandes emisoras del mundo (via JosÈ Miguel Romero, Oct 18, dxldyg via DXLD)

I.e. making into another RHC, which it is already accomplishing (gh)

RADIO NACIONAL DE VENEZUELA SER¡ COMPA—ÕA AN”NIMA

Caracas, 20 Oct. ABN.- Fueron publicados en Gaceta Oficial el pasado viernes 17 de octubre los decretos (N∫ 6.473 y 6.474) que autorizan el cambio de Radio Nacional de Venezuela de Servicio AutÛnomo a CompaÒÌa AnÛnima.

El decreto seÒala que Radio Nacional de Venezuela, C.A., estar· adscrita al Ministerio del Poder Popular para la ComunicaciÛn y la InformaciÛn, ser· dirigida por la Asamblea de Accionistas y administrada por por una Junta Directiva.

La medida se tomÛ, seg˙n seÒala la Gaceta, considerando la necesidad del Estado venezolano de formular polÌticas y desarrollar acciones para el uso eficiente del espectro radioelÈctrico, como prestador directo de los servicios de televisiÛn, radio y dem·s medios.

TambiÈn porque 'es prioritario proceder a la creaciÛn de una empresa del Estado que alcance de una manera eficaz el cumplimiento de las polÌticas comunicacionales e informativas del Estado', sin olvidar 'que la radio cumple un papel importante en el proceso de la comunicaciÛn de los ciudadanos y ciudadanas para construir la cultura de la participaciÛn social; asÌ como en el proceso de formaciÛn, fortalecimiento, seguridad y defensa del Estado'.

Las transmisiones de la emisora no ser·n afectadas por este cambio.
Fuente: http://www.abn.info.ve/noticia.php?articulo=154087&lee=5

(via Yimber Gaviria, Colombia, DXLD)

RNV is already a 100% Ch·vez-regime mouthpiece, where no diversity of opinion is allowed, so it`s not clear what difference this will make; maybe just a formality, consolidation of ``Popular Power`` (gh, DXLD)

** VENEZUELA [non]. You never know whether RNV via Cuba will be in English. Sat Oct 18 at 1459 the transmission was already beginning on 11680, fair signal with SAH, presumably Turkey scheduled until 1530. Opening was entirely in Spanish, 1501 into a vals (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) see also CUBA

** YEMEN. 9780.05, Sana'a Radio in Arabic, young ladies singer, fair at 1815 UT, but much weaker at 1915 UT. Oct 17th (Wolfgang B¸schel, Stuttgart, Germany, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) 1800 should be in English (gh)

** ZAMBIA. 6165, ZNBC/Radio 2, 0248-0256, Oct 15, clear Fish Eagle IS, instrumental anthem, African high-life music and songs, lost to strong QRM at 0256. Not often that they hold up this well to the QRM (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ZAMBIA. 6165, ZNBC/Radio 2, 0243, Oct 18, heard their IS (the call of the African Fish Eagle was strong here (also on 5915) (FYI: the Fish Eagle is shown on their 10 Kwacha currency http://www.banknotes.com/zm26.htm

0343-0359 in English, Christian preacher with African sounding accent, he hoped people would show up for church tomorrow at 7:30 at Independence Avenue, near the Civic Center in Lusaka. Surprised to find this religious program here as it sounded more like a CVC type program, fair, at 0359 RN signed-on totally covering Zambia (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ZAMBIA. 4965, CVC, 0253, Oct 18, in English, Christian preaching, at the end of sermon she asks listeners to call or write to Radio Christian Voice, fair-good, on Oct 19 conditions had returned to just average African reception, so Oct 18 reception was unique (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) No mention of 1Africa, so I wonder if that name is reserved only for the service aimed at Nigeria and US on higher frequencies? (gh, DXLD)

** ZAMBIA. 13590, CVC Lusaka, 2003-2010, Oct 14, English. Promos with listener testimonials; oneafrica @ cvc.tv and S. Africa POB info; "One Way, One Africa" zinger followed by two announcers re Weekend Edition program; the banter leads me to believe the program was a repeat from this past weekend; fair-good (Scott R. Barbour, Jr., Intervale, NH, R8, R75, CLR/DSP, MLB1, 200' Bevs, 60m Dipole, dxldyg via DX LISTENING

DIGEST)

1900, CVC 1Africa, 13590, SIO 454 (They reported their website as http://www.1africa.tv/ I sent an email requesting the address I should reception reports to. If it is the same as the addy on their website it is in South Africa.) (Cam Archbold, Omaha, NE, Oct 20, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ZAMBIA. CVC Lusaka a.k.a. 1Africa, 315 degree beam for Nigeria in English, and also onward to North America, B-08: no more long hours on 13590, but the hours it is on apparently will no longer collide with BVB, Christians vs Christians! However, there will be other problems if their tentative sked be realised:

04-06 7160
06-14 13590 [colliding R. Rossii/VOR 12-14, 140 degrees from Samara]
14-17 13650 [colliding with WHRA Sunday 15-16]
17-22 9420 [colliding with Greece thruout, 17-22]
(Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1431, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ZANZIBAR. 11735, RTZ Dole, 1914-1935, Oct 14, listed Swahili. Repetitive format of W with hilife music bits; brief M & W over music, then more W announcer until local music at 1927 thru tune-out; fair (Scott R. Barbour, Jr., Intervale, NH, R8, R75, CLR/DSP, MLB1, 200' Bevs, 60m Dipole, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11735, Radio Tanzania-Zanzibar, 1759-1810, Oct 17, local drums at 1759. Time pips, ìSpice FMî ID & English news at 1800-1809. Swahili talk at 1810. Good (Brian Alexander, PA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11735, R T Zanzibar, English news 1800-1809 UT Oct 17, then in Swahili news. Many of African and Muslim world items, like on Vatican radio's African service (Wolfgang B¸schel, Stuttgart, Germany, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11735. RTZ, 10/17, 1759-1810, after Romania clears the frequency, heard with drumming IS, time pips, and mention by man of "Spice FM." The introduced "This is the news." English news continued to 1807 and woman continued in Swahili. Weakish. This is frequently heard with good signals several hours later, but I rarely hear it this early during its brief English segment (Don Jensen, Kenosha WI, NASWA yg via DXLD)

In B-08 Romania is gone from 11735, and there may well be nothing to clash after Turkey finishes at 1422v (gh, WORLD OF RADIO 1431, DXLD)

11735, 18/10 1525, R. Tanzania - Zanzibar, Swahili talk, OM, buono (Roberto Pavanello, Vercelli - Italia, shortwave yg via DXLD)

Heard RT-Z with relay from FM of news in English, mostly local items; quite good for 50 kW Oct 18 at 1800-1810 on 11735 using ICF-2010 with the whip. Later check with Grundig G5 and wire noted anthem at s/off 2100 with good level (Joe Hanlon, NJ, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ZIMBABWE. 4828, R. Zimbabwe (presumed), 0150-0204, Oct 15, non-stop African high-life music and songs, mostly fair, at times almost good. Have recently checked this again for an ID, but seems they continue to be without any. So far this season not a whisper from 3396.

[non]. 4828, R. Zimbabwe, 0242 + 0307 + 0318, Oct 18, no music heard tonight, only a strong open carrier, 3396 continues to be silent (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ZIMBABWE [non]. SW RADIO AFRICA CHANGING FREQUENCY SUNDAY 26 OCT

With the start of the B08 shortwave broadcasting season on Sunday 26 October, SW Radio Africa, which broadcasts to Zimbabwe from studios in the UK, will change its shortwave frequency on the 25 metre band from 12035 to 11745 kHz. The parallel 60 mb frequency, 4880 kHz, will continue unchanged. The station broadcasts daily at 1700-1900 UT (Source: SW Radio Africa)(October 22nd, 2008 - 15:57 UTC by Andy Sennitt, Media Network blog via WORLD OF RADIO 1431, DXLD)

** ZIMBABWE. FREE LUNCH NOT SO FREE http://www.radiovop.com

BULAWAYO, October 16 2008 --- There was confusion at a Bulawayo hotel as to who would pay the lunch bill for hordes of Zimbabwe Broadcasting Corporation staff that helped themselves to food, claiming the Zimbabwe Tourism Authority (ZTA) would settle the bill.

A hotel manager revealed that 42 people who said they belonged to the state owned broadcaster, based in Harare and Bulawayo respectively, had lunch on Wednesday indicating that they were guests of the ZTA who are running the Sanganai/Hlanganai World Travel and Tourism Fair that is underway in the city.

All hell broke loose when ZTA officials were notified of the bill, running into billions of dollars and they vehemently refused to pay. Even ZTA chief executive officer, Karikoga Kaseke, told the hotel management that ZTA was not ZBC.

"This is lot of money and we don`t know who will settle the bill now. When these people came in, they said they were guests of ZTA and actually some of them are staying here in rooms booked by ZTA so we believed them when they said their lunch will be paid by organisers of the Fair. But these people are refusing and are not sure whether ZBC

is in a position to pay this money," said a manager who prefered not to be named for professional reasons (via David Pringle-Wood, DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 650, Possibly TAJIKISTAN off frequency, possible VoA Relay, (nominally 648) with two YL and one OM in discussion heard at 1810 on 21 Oct in unID language. Ridiculous echo on audio with second speech pattern trailing by less than a second making for very difficult copy. This was a technical problem and not propagation. Fair sigs with severe QSB and a deep fade. 2 kHz off freq. is Tajikistan! Russia not sked'ed during this time period (Al Muick, Kabul, Afghanistan WinRadio G303e, 100m longwire, HCDX via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. Re 8-113 Pirate on 1512 --- I found the following report at http://members7.boardhost.com/PirateRadio/msg/1219874073.html :

``Posted by Ian on August 27, 2008, 10:45 pm --- An Irish pirate called TCR have just activated a transmitter on 1512 kHz. Seems to be getting out quite well and has been heard in Sweden. It`s on air 24 hours per day.``

I believe that's what people have been hearing (Andy Sennitt, Netherlands, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

There were two stations audible here around 0700 on the day that Dan reported hearing schlager music on 1512. One was probably TCR, which I can hear fairly regularly. Someone suggested the other one sounded like a Dutch "polka" pirate, and I have to agree with that, although I didn't hear any ID. If it was Wolvertem then I suggest they were running at "daylight" power rather than full "night-time" power. That would account for a weaker signal as heard in London. I haven't noted it since (Noel R. Green (NW England), ibid.)

OK Noel. I don't see any reason why Wolvertem would be on the air. Flemish media law forbids commercial stations from using mediumwave, so it would have to have been VRT, but why? The transmitter has been decommissioned. I have also seen no reports in Belgian media forums or news sources. But there may well have been a Dutch or Flemish pirate also on the channel. I will watch out for news of anything on or around 1512 (Andy Sennitt, ibid.)

And the guys in this thread seem to be unaware of the above and previous info in DXLD about it (gh):

1512 --- In with much slop, vocal musical selections at 2219 not // 1521 could this be Belgium? 1431 Djibouti in good with slop. Arabic music. 2236 (Roy Barstow, Cape Cod, Oct 20, WTFDA-AM via DXLD)

I am told that Belgium is off the air. 1512 Saudi can be different

than 1521, but I suspect that you may have Greece which I caught in WI about a month ago. 73 KAZ (Neil Kazaross, IL, ibid.)

Someone else must be hearing this station as coming in fair but with slop. At 2319 the song, "La Vie En Rose" in French. Euro-African Medium Wave Guide does not list Belgium so for now will assume must be Greece. Tnx, Neil (Barstow, ibid.)

Hmm, French --- is all the music French? This wouldn't sound like what I'd expect from Greece. 73 KAZ (Kazaross, ibid.)

Well, I woke up on the couch just before 8 and read the posts. I have music on 1512 from 8pm to now (8:15). Signal strength on the Icom is maybe S7 to a peak of S9 (Preamp 1). Can't make out the language, but not Arabic. Almost sounding like dance music just after 8, then slower with a female singer around 8:10.

I had the interval signal from Greece on 1044 about this time last fall (it's on the Forum site) so Greece is possible. Boston is phased down to an S9 and they are not splattering really bad so there's hope for an ID of some sort (Mike Bugaj, Enfield, CT, ibid.)

What Mike is describing is like what I had in WI a month ago. Less traditional sounding music than the Greek stuff that blasts in on 1690 from Toronto every night. I believe they run ERA-2 over night which has a music program. Perhaps someone can // it online? I am not getting anything on 1512 here in IL, but this is not as good for TA's here as coastal WI and conditions aren't that good for TA's tonite here. 73 KAZ (Kazaross, ibid.)

1512 still in and can not pin the language down with slop from 1510. But at times comes up with mostly music like Dean Martin would sing. Mostly soft slow music and mostly vocals and most by a woman. Went to 1404 to try and // but picking up I believe TV hash but France came up for a time at 0031. Will keep an eye on the SpectraVue screen as I watch the Pats (Barstow, 0112 UT Oct 21, ibid.)

Here's the URL for ERA-2
http://www.worldtvradio.com/radiotv/stations/station02644.htm

Sure sounds like it to me, but I'm not 100% sure. Getting tougher to hear now with Boston running 20db past S9. Overall, the format fits, more like "lite" music, soft jazz leaning (Mike Bugaj, Enfield, CT, 0133 UT, ibid.)

UNIDENTIFIED. Dutch pirate? I've just heard a moment ago at 1614.125 kHz, Caribbean music. The signal was caught better with the 28 beverage which mean that this is obviously from Northern Europe. First

I thought of a ghost frequency so I turned off then back on the Perseus application. Carrier with some back and forth audio were still present. Shortly after recording the event, it was all gone! They must have shut down the transmitter. Then I went back to listen to the file and then back to live listening, they were back on the air! Listen: http://www.quebecdx.com/mp3/maybe_dutch_pirate.mp3

If you wich to see what the Perseus display looked like, see: http://www.quebecdx.com/images/1614_125.jpg

Was it indeed a Dutch pirate? (Sylvain Naud, Portneuf, QC, Canada http://www.quebecdx.com/ Oct 21, mwdx yg via DXLD)

These X-band pirates are common in Europe and often unidentifiable, but hearing one across the pond is another matter (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. Harmonics Oct 20: Noise seemed less last night and props were better than I can remember for ages. 2781.030, ? (3 x 927.01), 1942 UT. 3240.000, Unid MW Harmonic (Tim Bucknall. Congleton N/W England, Icom IC-R9500 + Welbrook ala 1530 loop, harmonics yg via DXLD) 2 x 1620?

UNIDENTIFIED. 6074: Time to start looking again for the mystery 1-minute V/CQ marker DE 8GAL, which we were hearing around 1359-1401 UT until the end of February, but not in March when there were several follow-ups about it missing. The last report:

``6074, 8GAL check on Feb 28: good thing I tuned in a bit early, since the one-minute V/CQ marker was ending just before, rather than after the 1400 timesignal from Russia on 6075. First time I have heard it running one minute early. The transition was so smooth that you would not know they were from completely different sources: the pitch of the CW het against 6075 was the same as the 1 kHz pitch of the time pips (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST 8-027)``

For A-08 the Russian on 6075 it was meshing with, moved to 5920, where it has been colliding with WBOH. From Oct 26 for B-08, Pet-Kam is expected back on 6075 at 18-14, 100 kW at 15 degrees with R. Rossii service (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 6157.0, Spanish 2-way SSB at 1423 Oct 18, presumably Mexico or illegals, QRMing CKZU 6160 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 13777.5, at 1350 Oct 18, rapid clicking which may or may not be jamming, about halfway between 13775 CVC Chinese via Darwin, and 13780 DW German via Woofferton (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

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UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIALS
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Your show is so damned needed and is such a great offering to the shortwave business (Ted Randall)

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LAUNCH OF PARTYOF1.NET

It's launched! David Cole's much-awaited new website is up and running. Check it out at http://partyof1.net

We're looking for story ideas and interview subjects -- for interviews and feature articles that we hope to be adding to the site in coming weeks. We hope to report on areas undercovered by the remainder of the media, including labor/management relations, religion and politics, and agricultural and rural and small-town issues. Send suggestions to: suggestions @ partyof1.net

Thanks ñ (David Cole, KS, Oct 20, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Also has a handy long list of linx to newspapers (gh, DXLD)

"ICONS OF TALK: THE MEDIA MOUTHS THAT MADE AMERICA," by Donna Halper

will be published by Greenwood Press, in JanuaryÖ
http://www.boston.com/ae/tv/articles/2008/10/17/
she_blazed_a_trail_locally_and_now_her_career_comes_full_circle/
(via Halper, ABDX via DXLD)

SHORTWAVE SCATTER BLOG reactivated

After more than a year, I finally started to update my Shortwave Scatter blog, new entries on shortwave nostalgia and "Remembering Radio Berlin International." http://www.shortwavescatter.blogspot.com
73s (Marty DelfÌn, Madrid, Spain, Oct 18, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UN GUAJIRO CON UN BLOG. DESDE CUBA YANDYS CERVANTES

http://blogguajiro.wordpress.com/

Saludos cordiales, el amigo Yandys desde Cuba me envia el enlace de su blog (JosÈ Miguel Romero, Spain, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)
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THE SHADOW FACTORY, James Bamford - Brief Review

* Format: Hardcover, 416 pages
* On Sale: October 14, 2008
* Price: $27.95

James Bamford exposed the existence of the top-secret National Security Agency in the bestselling The Puzzle Palace and continued to probe into its workings in his follow-up bestseller, Body of Secrets. Now Bamford discloses inside, often shocking information about the transformation of the NSA in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks of 2001.

In THE SHADOW FACTORY, Bamford shows how the NSA's failure to detect the presence of two of the 9/11 hijackers inside the United States led the NSA to abandon its long-held policy of spying only on enemies outside the country. With unrivaled access to sources and documents, Bamford details how the agency has conducted domestic surveillance without court approval, and he frames it in the context of the NSA's ongoing hunt for information about today's elusive enemies.
http://www.gather.com/viewArticle.jsp?articleId=281474977481231
(via Bob Wilkner, FL, DXLD)

Bamford has been making the rounds; had an hour or more on C-SPAN Book TV, etc. (gh, DXLD)

FAST WAY TO VERIFY FM STATION INFO

Re 8-113, Here's another station info website you might find interesting: http://www.recnet.com/cdbs/fmq.php

It works on US and Canada, AM-FM-TV. Type in a callsign, and you quickly get back a page with the owner, address, all the technical data, a map (which can also show the coverage radius), STL and RPU data, history, previous callsigns, etc. About the only thing it doesn't report is SCA status, and the HD info for the stations around here seems spotty.

I can't vouch for its accuracy and depth (and its source is pretty *unusual*), but it sure has a great interface that puts a lot of data in your face fast (Tim McVey, Stafford, VA, Oct 15, WTFDA via DXLD)

fccinfo.com is another good one, but RecNet has a nicer interface (Mike Hawkins, CA, ibid.)

One can, of course, access the FCC's CDBS directly and enter only the calls as well; there one gets a bit more info than on the fccinfo

site, and somewhat less than on the others. Or for more technical info one can use the FCC's AM-, FM- and TV- queries.

The REC site contains more technical info and the site map, whereas the Arbitron site has networks, format and slogan. It all depends on what you want from it. The Arbitron site (like 100000watts) is the best for trying to figure out unID's (Russ Edmunds, WB2BJH, Blue Bell, PA, ibid.)

Radio TagR

Has anyone tried this yet? Go to this site, pick a station, any station, and find out what song is playing right now. Or find the last ten songs played on that station. Tag songs without an HD radio.

Just for a test, I picked WDRC-FM (oldies)
http://www.radiotagr.com/radio.nsf/nowplaying?readform&q=WDRC

Select a state, select a market, select a station in that market and go from there. You can even get the lyrics and listen to their stream (Mike Bugaj, Enfield, CT, WTFDA via DXLD)

GOOGLE EARTH MARKUP FILE FOR AM BCB

Re 8-113: I made some additions to my Google Earth markup file for AM BCB stations. It's more than 100 times smaller now and not as convoluted and hopefully more practical to work with than before. There are only 3 main folders now instead of 288. It also colors the placemarkers according to station power.
http://rapidshare.com/files/154608788/amradio.kmz.html
(George Magiros, KC2SCI, 646-245-5704, Oct 16, IRCA via DXLD)

WORLD OF HOROLOGY see also ARGENTINA; BRAZIL above
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The proposal to move JERSEY to Central European Time was rejected by 72.4 per cent of votes cast in the 15 October referendum (Chris Greenway, England, Oct 16, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

DIGITAL BROADCASTING DRM: DENMARK; ECUADOR; GERMANY; NEW ZEALAND;
+++++++++++++++++++ PORTUGAL; ROMANIA -- DTV: OKLAHOMA

UniWave DRM RECEIVER

Glenn, I have posted some tidbits about the UniWave DRM receiver at http://26MHz.us Regards, (Benn Kobb, Oct 21, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Does not specify the price or shortwave frequency coverage. Mentions

that the headphone jack has "FM stereo in phones." How about DRM, which has stereo capabilities on MW and SW, as well? (Kim Andrew Elliott, kimandrewelliott.com via DXLD)

26 MHZ DRM PROJECT STATUS

We are investigating transmission sites for a 26 MHz DRM test in the Washington, D.C. area. Although DRM in this band has been extensively tested in other countries, we expect to conduct some additional tests focused on propagation. Updates to this site will likely be infrequent until these tests are underway, or until other significant DRM news appears. This is not a general DRM or shortwave broadcasting site; it is devoted to domestic U.S. DRM in the high frequency (HF) bands. (from http://26MHz.us Oct 17, via DXLD)

DIGITAL RADIO "WITHOUT FRONTIERS"

``Intended as a digital replacement for shortwave, DRM is expected to achieve similar distances, but without the interference. DRM does not suffer blackouts, because like shortwave, its reach comes from bouncing around the globe. The long reach of DRM might mean that it enable broadcasts to travel across borders where local media and internet is censored.`` [David Reid, from http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/programmes/click_online/7676504.stm via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

Utter, complete idiocy. Has anyone at BBC News ever heard of a concept known as "fact checking"? They might want to experiment with it in the future (Harry Helms W5HLH, Corpus Christi, TX EL17, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

BBC WORLD SERVICE - A DIGITAL RADIO PIONEER

(This article claims that the World Service has 5 million listeners in the USA; I do not know how this figure was arrived at --- MET) ``mostly thru `partner stations``` (gh)

Daily Telegraph, 18 October 2008

Channel 4 and GCap may have shelved digital radio plans, but World Service is exploiting the technology's potential

Channel 4 has abandoned its digital radio plans. This says more about Channel 4's management than it does about digital radio. In other hands digital radio is a success. BBC World Service is a case in point. Digital is transforming it into a new kind of global communicator. . . http://www.telegraph.co.uk:80/arts/main.jhtml?xml=/arts/2008/10/18/nosplit/

bvtvgillian18.xml
(via Mike Terry, dxldydg via DXLD)

820 TAMPA HD GONE. GOOD RIDDANCE, BAD CESS;
21 0144Z OCT 08; PVZ

WMGG Tampa, FL, 820 seems to have dumped SS & grabbed talk format from 1040 Pinellas Park, WWBB or whatever it is. A gift to those of us who enjoy ZNS-3 and its announcers who can modulate a speaking voice - 820 seems to have croaked off HD. For all the endless emetic blattings of 'inevitability' on part of fat braggart spacones*, 820 HD is gone. 2008 will by no means pass until yet more allegedly 'inevitabilities' evaporate to ignominy.

"She is gone, baby. Gone."
- 'Cheese',
"Gone, Baby, Gone"
c. 2007, Dennis Lehane

* - "Spacone", Neapolitan slang,
Literally, "Big Wheel - No Spokes"

(PV Zecchino, Visiting Professor, Francois X. Duvalier University, Gambier Village, Nassau, N.P., Bahamas, NRC-AM or IRCA via DXLD)

1040 is WWBA, and this changed was published over a week ago. We know you don't like HD and revel when it disappears from a radio station (Paul Walker, ibid.)

Sir: Revel? Why boy-o, when HDs croak off, I gloat. I gloat like a cheap two-bit cavone* inna Chrysler 440, exhaust stinking up everything for miles, blowin' doors off alla them four-bangers what clog our Roads, Perdition.

You bet I gloat. Jamming corrupts. Jamming public airwaves corrupts absolutely - to paraphrase Lord Acton.

Dislike HD? Detest it. My buddies do, too. We enjoyed telling truth about HD. Do any good? Who cares? HD's goin' way, the buggy whip - to reprise an old boast of HD gangsters. HD mighta been fine, its own band.

HD where presently it squats reminds one of punchbowls and that which does not belong in them. z

* - 'cavone':
Neapolitan corruption of Italian, 'caifon': a hillbilly.
British pronounciation: Gaffon,

One who makes a lot of money and spends it stupidly,
without regard for breeding, taste, or value.
Used in proper context: "Paul V. Zecchino is a big, fat cavone..."
(PV Zecchino, Manalog Key, FL, ibid.)

HDTV: well, good idea. HD Radio: OMG, what clowns, what idiots, what fools allowed the corrupt clueless people, be them Rep or Dem to think that jamming adjacents was acceptable. HD AM is completely useless and HD FM, in spite of sub channels is next to useless. 73 KAZ still shocked that this IBOC garbage was ever allowed on AM (Neil Kazaross, IL, ibid.)

WBZ-HD RECEIVED AT ILLINOIS

Hello All, Ever since I bought an HD radio I've been trying for the East Coast AM HD stations. Early this morning I finally had one. When I was getting ready for bed I had the XDR-S3HD tuned to WBZ, I was listening to a talk show about the election. I dozed off, and I recall hearing the audio SUDDENLY change to high quality. Groggy, I got up, and saw on the display WBZ and a text message with a phone number (which I couldn't see, my eyes hadn't focused yet). This was right at 0500 CDT, the display and call only remained on for a few seconds after I got up. Well, it ONLY took a year and a half to finally get one of these! (Curtis Sadowski, Paxton, IL, Oct 20, WTFDA-AM via DXLD)

Your Tax Dollars at Work --- FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: October 16, 2008

FCC CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCES SPONSORSHIP OF NASCAR DRIVER DAVID GILLILAND CAR #38 FOR DIGITAL TELEVISION OUTREACH

Charlotte, NC ñ FCC Chairman Kevin Martin announced that the Federal Communications Commission will sponsor the NASCAR No. 38 entry with driver David Gilliland for a total of three races in the remaining NASCAR Sprint Cup Series as part of its Digital Television (DTV) outreach.

The FCC DTV sponsorship will debut at Martinsville Speedway on October 19th followed by the races at the Phoenix International Raceway on November 9 and Homestead-Miami Speedway on November 16. It is the leading spectator sport in the country. Seventeen of the top 20 highest-attended sporting events in the U.S. annually are NASCAR events, with average attendance topping 125,000 per event for the 36 point races during the 10 month season.

The NASCAR Sprint Cup Series is the number-two-rated regular-season sport on television with nearly 8 million viewers tuned in weekly, and features 36 races at 22 different tracks across the country.

FCC Chairman Kevin Martin said of the primary sponsorship, "NASCAR fans are known for their avid interest in this sport. Their awareness and responsiveness to NASCAR sponsors is also exceptionally high. I believe this sponsorship is an extremely effective way for the FCC to raise DTV awareness among people of all ages and income levels across the United States who loyally follow one of the most popular sports in America."

I'm flattered that the FCC chose our No. 38 Ford to help them convey the message about the upcoming digital television transition taking place next year," commented Gilliland. "This is a very big undertaking to convert the entire country to digital services, but the end result will be improved picture and sound quality and those are definitely important factors to NASCAR fans. Yates Racing has had a tremendous 2008 season which allowed us to have a variety of important partnerships, and our No. 38 Digital TV Transition Ford will be another great example of partners who believe in the reach that we have. I am honored to help promote the Digital TV Transition messaging."

The primary sponsorship is to assist in educating the American public about the February 17th, 2009, transition from analog service to digital television transmission. On that date, all full-power broadcast television stations in the United States will cease broadcasting analog airwaves and begin broadcasting only in digital.

Digital broadcasting will allow stations to offer improved picture and sound quality as well as add additional channels. Digital television is a new type of broadcast technology that delivers digital signal that is virtually free of interference and is more efficient than current analog signal. For more information about the Digital Transition visit http://www.DTV.gov (Source? FCC press? via Benn Kobb, DXLD)

MISCELLANEOUS DTV ITEMS

o The FCC is proposing allowing broadcasters to install multiple towers with smaller reach to provide DTV service to all viewers in their markets: http://www.broadcastingcable.com/article/CA6605806.html

o Two reasons why analog TV may still be with us for at least a few weeks after the February 17 DTV switch date: To allow continued emergency alerts in analog and to allow DTV switch information to be broadcast to the public in analog:
http://www.broadcastingcable.com/article/CA6605873.html

FCC NEWS BRIEFS

o Item of importance removed from the FCC's October 15 open meeting agenda: The establishment of rules for digital LPTV, TV translator and TV booster stations:
http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DOC-286055A1.doc

LPTV Must-Carry

o Chairman Martin wants to grant some LPTV stations cable must-carry rights but his fellow commissioners are reluctant to go along without more data. In addition, an LPTV analog-to-DTV switch date of 2012 is under consideration:
http://www.broadcastingcable.com/article/CA6605851.html

o FCC delays vote on cable must-carry for LPTV:
http://www.tvnewsday.com/articles/2008/10/14/daily.10/
http://www.tvweek.com/news/2008/10/fcc_delays_vote_on_cable_carri.php

WLIO IS TESTING VIEWERS' DTV READINESS

Our station recently has started to turn off our analog for 60-seconds during one of our newscasts. The shutdown is announced prior to dropping carrier: "We're now going to conduct a DTV readiness test. If our station disappears for the next 60-seconds, you are NOT ready for DTV."

Most of the viewer confusion arises from these areas: (a) viewers using the wrong type antenna to receive the signal, (b) cable or dish customers being sold incorrect or non-performing services and (c) retail sales people offering expertise which is incorrect.
Fred Vobbe, w8hdu (at) wlio.com
http://www.wlio.net/index.php?entry=entry081014-083330
(all: CGC Communicator Oct 20 via Kevin Redding, ABDX via DXLD)

RADIO EQUIPMENT FORUM
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SWLing Callsigns?

Remember 'Popular Electronics' magazine? Remember the 'WPE' shortwave radio listening callsigns?

Were those useful? It seemed that they were recognized as credible by broadcasting entities, ham radio operators, and others in the public services and press.

I know that there have been attempts in recent years in creating callsigns for SWLers. How useful is such a service, today? Could it be that having a centralized, credible, passionately-promoted callsign

service (QSL bureaus, spots, forums, news) is needed and perhaps overdue?

Should something like the 'WPE' callsign system be resurrected? Should it include the scanning hobbyists? With the ending of analoge cell services, could such a centralized group of hobbyists have a better voice in front of the FCC/Government when it comes time to call for them to drop the ban on portions of frequencies once used by the cell service?

I'd love to know pros and cons and ideas, etc.
Vote: http://hfradio.org/forums/viewtopic.php?f=7&t=397
Please also post your thoughts, there.

If you don't mind, I would also like to track the discussions here, and summarize them elsewhere (for instance, in articles in PopComm, etc.) Thanks, 73 de NW7US http://prop.hfradio.org
http://myspace.com/tomashood Linux User #32405 - Since 1996
See my profile: http://www.linkedin.com/in/tomashood
(Tomas Hood, Oct 18, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

The WPE program was never "recognized as credible by broadcasting entities, ham radio operators, and others in the public services and press." It was just an effort to promote Popular Electronics magazine and, perhaps even more importantly, develop a mailing list of SWLs Perry Ferrell could use for Gilfer. No one outside of the tight little SWL community of the 1960s had any idea what "WPE" meant. (It meant you had sent 25 cents to Popular Electronics.)

This particular horse died around 1970. An effort to revive it will be about as successful --- and as needed and useful --- as an effort to revive black-and-white analog television broadcasting (Harry Helms W5HLH, Corpus Christi, TX EL17, ibid.)

Sorry you feel that way, Harry (Rick N6NKN, WA6051SWL, WPE9IVG/6 Zolla, ibid.)

To each his own; why be sorry? I initially fell for this, mainly in the hope that having an SWL call would improve my QSL response from hams, especially if I had it printed on a card.

{Then the printer misspelled my address, so I sent them back for replacement; he ERASED the error on each card, did a sloppy job of overprinting, and returned them. So much for doing business with QSL/SWL card printers.}

I eventually realized that possessing a ``callsign`` made up by Perry Ferrell or Hank Bennett did nothing for me except extract some money

from my pocket.

Callsigns are for transmitters, and a good idea too. Pointless for receivers. What`s wrong with being known by your real name which actually spells out something recognizable without a callbook? We are not (necessarily) hams, so why ape them?

However, I have a little-known standing offer to make up an alphanumeric SWL callsign for anyone willing to pay me, say $100. I could also attach it to a star of my choice in the heavens. 73, (Glenn Hauser, WGH5OK, ibid.)

Yes there were many clubs that have mostly disappeared that offered numbers that you could utilise for SWL reports. But there are no reputable clubs or organisations around doing this. There seems little point.

At one time, many eastern European nations required those wishing to obtain amateur radio licenses that they had to obtain a certain number of valid SWL reports using numbers issued by an official club or licensing authority. For every QSO especially with that region, I would get between 5 and 10 SWL reports, usually from the same city or region where the QSO came from. I often chose to ignore these as being list loggings (Robin VK7RH Harwood, Tasmania, ibid.)

This reminds me of my early ham radio days (25 years as of October 28th) when I received my first SWL card with a "callsign" on it. My initial reaction besides "that's bizarre" was "how sad". Here was a person who couldn't or wouldn't pass the Morse Code exam and get a "real" ham radio license and was pining away their days listening to hams and wishing, waiting for the day when the Morse exam was dropped and they too could have a "real" callsign.

Since then I've mellowed some. :-) Now I realize that those people may have just been content to listen and send a report to those people they found interesting (what could have possibly been interesting about my QSOs is beyond me, perhaps it was a slow ham day). Anyway, thanks for reviving a memory that had faded as I celebrate my personal quarter century in amateur radio. 73 de (Nate Bargmann, KS, N0NB, ibid.)

PROPAGATION
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LONGWAVE FADEOUT TIMES

Oct. 18. 0710 162 France fair, 189 Iceland good w/piano music, 198 U.K. weak, 234 Lux. fair w/talk, and 252 Ireland fair w/news. 0805

Germany 183 fair and 189 Iceland weak. Then at 0820 a reversal as Iceland fair and Germany weak. Now it seems to me that 183 Germany at 0820 was in daylight. Like what gives? (Roy Barstow, Cape Cod, WTFDA-AM via DXLD)

Roy, Very interesting. On this date, 18 October, sunrise in Iceland is just about 0820 UTC so hearing 189 seems entirely possible. But sunrise in Germany is much earlier (around 0530 UT). So, why you would hear 183 almost 3 hours after German sunrise is a mystery. Also, Germany-756 at 0704 and France-162 at 0710 seem unlikely. Are you sure you were converting EDT to UTC correctly? Perhaps one of George Noory's guests can explain. :-) (Marc DeLorenzo, South Dennis, MA, ibid.)

1. Excuse me if this has been discussed further but I am several days behind in reading all the posts.

2. I have little experience in LW DXing, but I want to point out that theoretically: LW has much greater groundwave coverage than MW, especially with the superpowers in use in Europe --- so LW signals ought to hold up further into the dayside, i.e., some of the remnants of the GW signal could still get into the ionosphere from a location further from the terminator than you might think. We are also getting into lower solar angles at northern latitudes which allow some skywave to keep going beyond sunrise.

3. Sorry, I have never been a George Noory guest. 73, (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

Hi Glenn, Yes, Mark Connelly did respond to Roy's question, although on another list. Here is Mark C's response which I will gladly defer to since his knowledge of propagation is much greater than mine. I also apologize to Roy for questioning his reception times. Mark C's comments follow my signature.

Marc DeLorenzo, South Dennis, MA
http://www.wtfda.info/showthread.php?t=228

From Mark Connelly : "It's not dawn at the transmitter site that matters, it's dawn at the first ionospheric skip point heading west toward us.

With a longwave signal coming on a sea path, the signal can be heading out from the transmitter at a very low angle so it does not ascend to the first bounce point (~ 75-100 miles above the ocean) until maybe 700-800 miles out.

Knowing that you can see past NYC from a plane flying a mere 7 miles

above Boston, think of how much farther off the effective horizon is when you're at a bounce point 10 times higher. The dawn time that matters could be close to a full time zone farther west.

Also remember that, owing to low sun angle, at the high near-arctic latitudes along a northern Europe to New England route, daylight absorption is far from complete during the shortest days of the year. We're only about 2 months from the winter solstice.

I heard the old Ireland-567 at 1005 UTC (in December) from E. Harwich, my latest ever Euro to USA log. Norway-1314 came in all day a few times during November DXpeditions to Cappahayden, Newfoundland"
(via DeLorenzo, DXLD)

Geomagnetic field activity was at predominately quiet to unsettled levels on 13 - 16 October. Active to isolated minor storm conditions were observed at high latitudes on 13 - 15 October. Mostly quiet conditions prevailed from 17 - 19 October. ACE solar wind observations indicated that a recurrent coronal hole high-speed stream disturbed the field during 13 - 16 October, with initial solar wind velocities at about 550 km/s. Speeds steadily decayed throughout the next seven days and ended the summary period near 300 km/s.

FORECAST OF SOLAR AND GEOMAGNETIC ACTIVITY 22 OCT - 17 NOV 2008

Solar activity is expected to be very low. No proton events are expected at geosynchronous orbit. The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit is expected to reach high levels during 22 - 28 October, 30 October - 06 November, and 08 - 15 November. Geomagnetic field activity is expected to be at quiet levels during 22 - 27 October. Activity is expected to increase to unsettled to active levels during 28 - 31 October due to a recurrent coronal hole high-speed stream. Activity is expected to decrease to mostly quiet levels during 01 - 06 November as the high-speed stream subsides. Activity is expected to increase to minor storm levels with a chance for major storm periods on 07 November due to a recurrent coronal hole high-speed stream. Activity is expected to decrease to unsettled to active levels on 08 - 09 November as the high-speed stream subsides. From 10 - 17 November, activity levels are expected to mostly quiet.

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27-day Space Weather Outlook Table

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# UTC Date	Radio Flux 10.7 cm	Planetary A Index	Largest Kp Index
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2008 Oct 26	68	5	2
2008 Oct 27	68	5	2
2008 Oct 28	68	8	3
2008 Oct 29	68	12	3
2008 Oct 30	68	15	4
2008 Oct 31	68	10	3
2008 Nov 01	69	5	2
2008 Nov 02	69	5	2
2008 Nov 03	69	5	2
2008 Nov 04	70	5	2
2008 Nov 05	70	5	2
2008 Nov 06	70	5	2
2008 Nov 07	70	35	6
2008 Nov 08	70	15	4
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2008 Nov 10	70	5	2
2008 Nov 11	70	5	2
2008 Nov 12	70	5	2
2008 Nov 13	69	5	2
2008 Nov 14	69	5	2
2008 Nov 15	69	5	2
2008 Nov 16	68	5	2
2008 Nov 17	68	5	2

(SWPC via WORLD OF RADIO 1431, DXLD) ###